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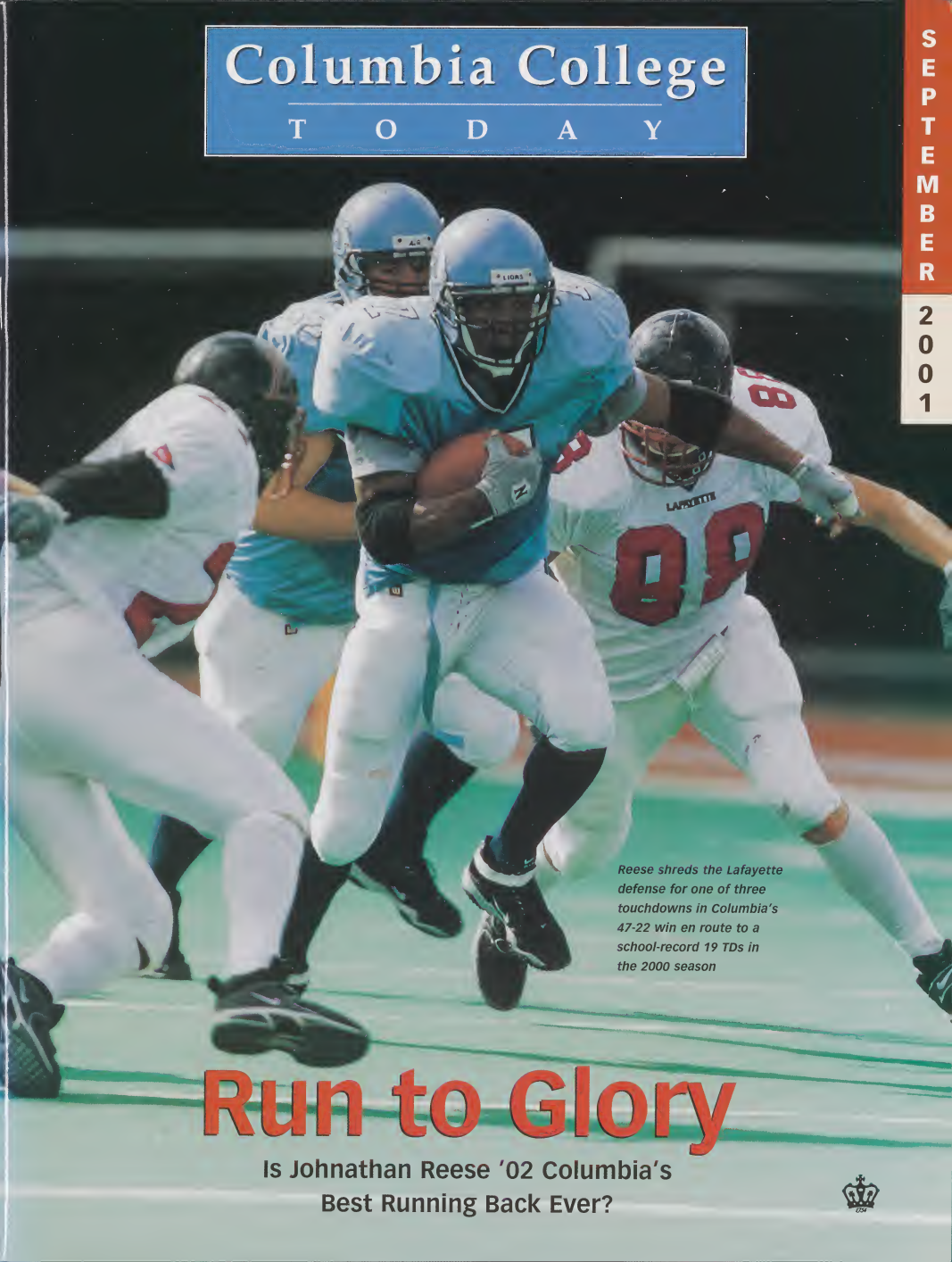

Reese shreds the Lafayette defense for one of three touchdowns in Columbia's 47-22 win en route to a school-record 19 TDs in the 2000 season

Run to Glory

Is Johnathan Reese '02 Columbia's Best Running Back Ever?

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FALL SEMESTER 2001

Friday-Saturday	Thursday	Saturday	Friday
OCTOBER 5–6 First-Year Family Weekend	OCTOBER 11 Great Teacher Awards Dinner	OCTOBER 13 Homecoming vs. Penn	OCTOBER 19 Midterm Date
Tuesday	**Tuesday**	**Thursday-Friday**	**Monday**
NOVEMBER 6 Election Day – University Holiday	NOVEMBER 13 Alexander Hamilton Award Dinner	NOVEMBER 22–23 Thanksgiving Holiday	DECEMBER 10 Last Day of Classes

SPRING SEMESTER 2002

Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Monday
JANUARY 22 First Day of Classes	FEBRUARY 13 February Degrees Conferred	MARCH 6 John Jay Awards Dinner	MARCH 11 Midterm Date
Monday-Friday	**Saturday**	**Monday**	**Sunday**
MARCH 18–22 Spring Break	APRIL 13 Dean's Day	MAY 6 Last Day of Classes	MAY 19 Baccalaureate Service
Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday-Sunday**
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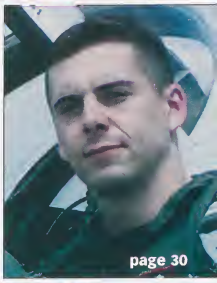

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Congratulations, '01!

It is with pleasure that I extend sincere best wishes to 2001's College graduating class. Its members are about to venture into a world quite different from the one that greeted me over half a century ago, and certainly, one that is markedly different from the one that faced my close family friend and mentor, Woolsey A. Shepard, when he graduated from the College in 1901. I find it rather awesome to contemplate how these two classes mark the beginning and the conclusion of the 20th century, probably the most turbulent yet innovative 100 years in recorded history.

Bernard Prudhomme '50
DULUTH, GA.

The Case for Dining Halls

While flipping through this year's *U.S. News and World Report* survey of colleges in the guidance office of the high school where I teach, I scanned the alumni giving rates and thought of the letter by Joseph Brouillard '51 in the December 2000 issue of *CCT*, in which Brouillard contended that Columbia might see its low participation level (32 percent that year) rise if it encouraged nominal giving by current students with a program similar to the one used at his wife's alma mater, Mount Holyoke (52 percent).

Students lunch at Lerner

However, peer institutions with high alumni giving rates (such as Harvard, Yale, Dartmouth, Princeton and Amherst, with participation ranging from 47 to 68 percent) employ only a Senior Class Gift program, as does Columbia. Yet each of these schools, Mount Holyoke included, has one critical thing, in addition to nearby athletic fields, that Columbia does not: a dining hall program.

The absence at Columbia of anything more than John Jay (which largely serves first years, the only students required to be on a meal plan) and à la carte venues at Lerner, Wien and Business undermines the sense of community necessary for institutional identification and loyalty. Particularly given the centrifugal force of New York, a dining hall system should be all the more important. Over and over, in this light, I have heard from former students of mine who have gone on to Columbia that they love the Core Curriculum, as I promised them they would, but find campus life impersonal.

The consequences of eating alone differ little, in fact, from those of what sociologist Robert Putnam has famously called "bowling alone" to describe the increasingly atomized nature of American life and resultant erosion of "social capital." The fundamental significance of a pronounced decline in league bowling, Putnam writes, "lies in the social interaction and even occasionally civic conversations over beer and pizza that solo bowlers forgo."

A dining hall system should facilitate such interaction and it shouldn't necessitate an unrealistic amount of space or defeat the purpose of kitchens in the dorms of upperclassmen. If upperclassmen were required to take only seven or so meals per week on a meal plan, a dining hall system would be sufficiently limited in scale to function as a complement to dorm kitchens and yet adequately large to generate a greater sense of community. While the creation of a dining hall system would no doubt cost a great deal, it should considerably enrich campus life and in the long run thus pay for itself and more through improved alumni giving.

Sam Abrams '89
NEW YORK

After All These Years

Bravo to your September 2000 issue. Photos of the classes of the 1930s show how vibrant we octogenarians became.

As a student in the fall of 1934, I was introduced to chemistry by Dr. Raymond Crist of Columbia's renowned chemistry department. He is 100 years young today and now teaches chemistry at Messiah College in Grantham, Pa. He worked with Nobel Laureates Harold Urey and Enrico Fermi at Columbia. All these men lived in our town, Leonia, N.J., as I grew up. Felix Vann of your 1930 photo also was a Leonian. It was Mrs. Vann, Felix's mother, a Democratic Committee woman in a sea of Republicans, who helped many Leonians get jobs in the Great Depression era.

John F. Crymble '38, '39E, '40E
SALEM, N.J.

WITHIN THE FAMILY

We'll Be Seeing You More Often

We are proud to announce that *Columbia College Today* has reached another milestone.

Beginning with the September 2001 issue you hold in your hands, *CCT* is now being published six times a year. Your alumni magazine itself isn't changing, only the frequency with which it will be appearing in your mailbox. From now on, you can expect to find all the news, features, photo spreads and departments that you have come to enjoy — yes, especially Class Notes — every two months.

It's a giant leap for a magazine that once was renowned for its irregular publication schedule, but it is long overdue. Every other college in the Ivy League has an alumni magazine that is published at least six times a year. *CCT*, which only three years ago achieved a quarterly publication schedule after decades of coming out two or three times a year, can now stand alongside its peers in frequency as well as quality.

This would not have been possible without the staunch support of the leaders of the College administration and the CC Alumni Association. Publishing a magazine costs money, and as with anything else, you tend to get what you pay for. If you want to go from four to six issues per year, while maintaining the high level of quality College alumni want, expect and deserve, you have to cover the cost of

staff additions as well as the production costs of the extra issues.

Not that *Columbia College Today* has ever been an inexpensive proposition. The magazine is sent free to all alumni of the College, as well as faculty, students and parents of current students. Also, the previous irregularity of publication made any thought of attracting significant revenue from advertising a moot point (something we hope will change in the future). A successful voluntary subscription drive each year has helped defray some of the cost of the magazine, but only some, much the way tuition only covers part of the cost of a student's education. The rest of the money has to come from somewhere, and that somewhere is the College budget.

In an environment where there are many interests competing for limited resources, Dean Austin Quigley, CCAA President Jerry Sherwin '55 and CC Office of Alumni Affairs and Development Executive Director Derek Wittner '65 have stepped up and shown that improved communication with alumni — with the goal of better connecting alumni to the life of the College — is a priority. This is one of many themes in a five-year plan for the College that aims to increase participation, as measured by alumni giving, and recently was endorsed by the University's Board of Trustees. You'll be reading more about this in upcoming issues of *CCT*.

Why is six issues a year important? Because the best way to connect, or re-connect, alumni with the College is through regular communication. A quality alumni magazine, whose objective is to inform alumni about what's happening at the College as well as to provide interesting stories about alumni, students and faculty, is the cornerstone of an overall communication program that will also feature enhanced electronic communication. Of course, we hope this will lead to increased participation, but that's your choice. The fund-raising solicitations will come elsewhere. Here we're asking you for a few moments of your time and attention, and we hope you'll find the experience enjoyable and the time well spent.

We'll be seeing you again in a couple of months!

Alex Sachare

Enough Said?

I can hardly say how disappointing it is to read your recent encomium to Prof. Edward Said (*CCT*, May 2001). This man has enthusiastically associated himself with rock-throwing anti-Israel factions, many of whom, of course, are terrorists. It stuns me that *CCT* continuously showers praise on this anti-Israel activist. It seems never to dawn on *CCT* that it's the alumni magazine of a university that is very largely Jewish in student and faculty population. It's not the alumni magazine of the American University in Beirut. Check it out. Edward Said is not associated with nice people, to put it mildly. He does not deserve your fawning adoration. And wake up generally. *CCT* is the only place at Columbia that labors under the delusion that it's the alumni magazine for a different kind of semites.

Ben Stein '66
BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF.

Editor's reply: *Edward Said is a senior member of the Columbia faculty, one of only 11 to hold the rank of university professor. The article was not an encomium, but rather a digest of the many books and articles written by or about Said that have been published in the past year, and their scholarly impact.*

Diversity of Opinion

I read Mr. Frischberg's letter (*CCT*, May 2001) with a mixture of incredulity and chagrin. Mr. Frischberg seems to equate an overwhelming electoral preference for Mr. Gore over Mr. Bush with being "…at a very selective Ivy League school in the most cosmopolitan city in the United States." What the purported correlation is supposed to be between these two facts is never discussed. Why this

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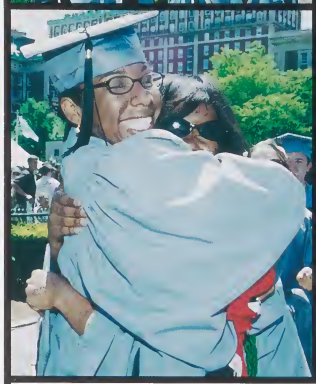
Class Day and Commencement were joyous occasions for the members of the Class of 2001 (and at least one future Columbian) as the students marked the completion of their time as undergraduates and the beginning of the rest of their lives.



One Day, Students; The Next, Alumni!

The ranks of College alumni grew by nearly 1,000 as members of the Class of 2001, joined by family and friends, happily participated in Class Day ceremonies on Tuesday, May 15, and the University's 247th Commencement the following day. It was a festive atmosphere on South Field as class president Jorge A. Herrera '01 (far lower right, with Dean of Student Affairs Chris Colombo) emceed the Class Day proceedings, which featured remarks by Dean Austin Quigley (upper right), keynote speaker David Boies (right) and salutatorian Lauren Monacell '01 (see page 6). All urged the graduates to be adventuresome as they moved into their careers and to strive to do their best, but never to lose the ability to live in the moment and have fun.

Receiving honorary degrees at Commencement were former SEC chairman Arthur Levitt; former Secretary of State George Schultz; Tim Berners-Lee, inventor of the Internet; Judith Kaye, chief judge of the New York State Court of Appeals; Columbia biochemist Isidore Edelman; cancer researcher Zhen-Yi Wang; jazz drummer and composer Max Roach; and Princeton historian Peter Brown. Astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson, director of the Hayden Planetarium, received the University Medal of Excellence, and among those receiving the 10 Alumni Medals were three alumni of the College: Bob Berne '60, Stuart Kricun '78 and Charles O'Byrne '81.

Members of the Class of 2001 stood and cheered numerous speakers throughout the proceedings. Dean Quigley later remarked upon the positive spirit and how it represented a significant achievement for the College. *A.S.*

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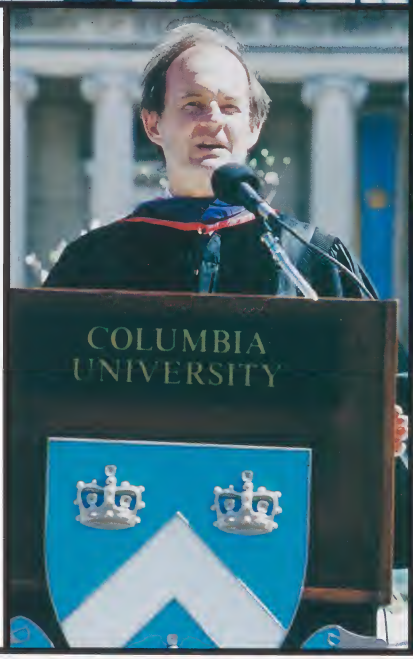

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A Liberal Arts Life

"We have come a long way over our four years at Columbia College," salutatorian **Lauren Monacell '01** *told her fellow graduates at Class Day, May 15, 2001. A native of Atlanta, Monacell majored in English and will start film school at Columbia in September 2001, with the goal of earning an MFA. Although she is on her way to forging a career as a movie writer and director, Monacell used her Class Day speech to remind everyone that a liberal arts education is more than the first step in a "careful linear progression" to a career.*

To my fellow members of the Class of 2001, I'd like to say congratulations. To our parents, our friends, our professors, and everyone here at Columbia University, I'd also like to say congratulations, and thank you. We're really graduating! You know, as I stand up here, I can't help but think about that first night four years ago when we all gathered on the lawn for CUnity. How we ran around in the dark, trying to find 10 things we had in common with classmates we'd just met: people born in March; people who have brothers; people who like reggae. And now, as we get together again, here on the steps to graduate, these connections have become a good bit deeper. We have come a long way over our four years at Columbia College, and Columbia, with its brand new buildings and its always more exclusive admissions rates, has come right along with us.

However, for a minute let's look at our time at Columbia not in terms of progress, which our first classes here assured us was a myth anyway. Yes, of course we're gathered here today at a ceremony that marks the end of our time as undergraduates of Columbia College and the beginning of whatever comes next. We're moving on to a new point in our lives, and there's no doubt that's exciting. Still, I've always cringed at the view that high school is for getting into college, college is for getting into grad school, for landing that great job, for working your way up, and so on. Instead, I hope that we can look back on our years at Columbia, at all our years, and see that we've spent every minute — not worrying about what it will do for us in the future, but enjoying that minute for itself.

This constant enjoyment, no matter what we're doing, is what I hope we can take from our Columbia education. When I look back at all the incredible classes I've taken, I am amazed at the variety of things I've done, of the subjects I've explored. For the past four years, I've been totally immersed in everything from primatology to modern Chinese film, from Plato to John Cage, and that was just the Core. At Columbia, a biology major can't just take biology classes any more than an English major, like myself, could just take English. You know, there have always been questions about a liberal arts education. What is it for? What, in particular, have we been doing here for the last four years? Is it just a luxury, a couple of years we get to "take off" before we have to get down to business, before we're thrown kicking and screaming into the "real world?"

Frankly, I hope not. I would like to think that as we work our way through graduate school or as we slave away at those entry-level jobs, there's something else we got out of our Columbia liberal arts education. Of course, we're no strangers to working hard. We've all had nights where we watched the sun come up as we crammed for that test, as we finished up that big paper. However, if we looked for the reason why we had been up all night, I bet we'd realize that it was because during the day, we were busy doing other things.

Lauren Monacell '01
PHOTO: EILEEN BARROSO

We were playing sports, acting in plays, protesting or volunteering, singing or painting. We were going out with our friends and then sitting around back at the dorms, discussing relationships or religion.

There's a reason why these past four years have flown by so fast, and it's because we've been so busy. Our lives have been packed with activities of all kinds; we've been exploring everything, and this is what I'd suggest that we take from Columbia and bring with us, wherever we go. Now, it might seem that in the "real world" of the ever-increasing workday, there's not a lot of time for exploration. We've all been asked a million times, "what are you going to do after college," as if there could be a one-word answer. I'd like us not to give that answer.

Monacell happily accepts congratulations from Dean of Student Affairs Chris Colombo during the Class Day ceremony.

PHOTO: EILEEN BARROSO

The world doesn't stay still for long, and with everything we've done at Columbia, I'm pretty sure we're going to be ready. We can adapt; we'll be open to all our changing options; we're not really scared, but excited that we could very well have not one, but several, or many, different careers. However, I also hope that just as schoolwork was only one part of our experience at Columbia, careers will only be one part of our lives in the future. I hope that we can keep from getting too caught up in the race from A to B to C. And that's why, for a minute, I'd like us to remember one of those Lit Hum books that we've all forgotten. Remember Mr. Ramsay, the cold intellectual alienated from all those around him in Virginia Woolf's *To The Lighthouse*.

Mr. Ramsay imagines that, "If thought is like the keyboard of the piano, divided into so many notes, or like the alphabet is ranged in 26 letters all in order, then his splendid mind had no sort of difficulty in running over those letters one by one, firmly and accurately, until it reached, say, the letter Q." Now, Mr. Ramsay agonizes because he gets stuck in the alphabet he's created. He can't get past Q to R. He imagines, "In that flash of darkness he heard people saying — he was a failure — that R was beyond him. He would never reach R." However, are our lives ever really a careful, linear progression? What's wrong with starting with C, moving on to J and Z, and then examining O for a while?

As we move on from our time here at Columbia College, let's remember to keep branching out, to keep staying involved, and to always keep exploring. Let's take a little office e-mail time to keep in touch with all our friends from Columbia. We will keep paying attention to what's happening in the world, and we'll get involved in whatever community we end up in. I know we won't give up sports, art, or theater just because we're no longer Columbia students. My hope is that we all continue to live a liberal arts life.

I'd like to personally thank everyone who has made my own time here at Columbia such a busy, varied, and wonderful experience. Like all the graduates, I want to thank my parents for giving me this opportunity. Without your inspiration and your support and your belief in a liberal arts education, I would not be here today. Also, I know that all the graduates have had those really amazing professors who

What's wrong with starting with C, moving on to J and Z, and then examining O for a while?

we'd like to thank. For me, one was Michael Rosenthal, my Literature Humanities professor who not only got me excited about Shakespeare and Virginia Woof, but who also became an adviser and a friend. Whenever I started to get stressed out because I didn't know what I wanted to major in or what I wanted to do after I graduated, Professor Rosenthal was there to remind me to slow down, to stop worrying, and to enjoy myself.

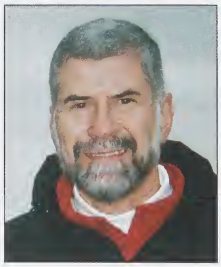
I wish the best of luck to everyone in this, the Class of 2001. I have no doubt you're all going to go on to do amazing things. You will have enormous success in every field. Just remember to keep having fun along the way.

AROUND THE QUADS

Pratt Named Dean of Career Services

BY ALEX SACHARE '71

Christopher Pratt, who has been in the field of career services for more than 30 years, most recently as director at MIT, has been named Columbia's dean of career services. In addition to the College, the Center for Career Services at Columbia that Pratt now heads also serves SEAS, General Studies, the School of the Arts and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.


Christopher Pratt

The selection of Pratt, who begins at Columbia this month, ends a year-long national search for a successor to Eleanor Sanchez, who resigned in June 2000 after only one year at Columbia. Since then, the deans and members of the University administration have met frequently to clarify the functions and responsibilities of the Center for Career Services and the role of its director.

"In conversations with Austin Quigley and other deans and University officials, it began to become clear to me that there were possibilities at Columbia, from a timing perspective, to do one of the things that I like to do," said Pratt. "And that is to build relationships and look for the connections, the intersections among people and ideas, where because of those intersections there are opportunities.

"I believe that there are special opportunities at Columbia right now. The people are there, with the ideas and notions and values that I share."

One of those notions, which was an underlying principle of the way the Center for Career Services is being reshaped, is that career services should be more than a student employment agency.

"Career services is not about getting a job, although of course that's one aspect of it," said Pratt. "But it's much more than that. It's part of the entire educational experience one will go through as an undergraduate and a graduate student, learning and building skills to be used throughout a lifetime."

Pratt sees multiple roles for alumni in career services. The Center, when sufficiently staffed to handle inquiries from alumni as well as students, will help alumni making career transitions learn the skills they need for new positions, or the techniques to go about finding those positions. It also provides a networking opportunity for Columbia alumni. Finally, says Pratt, "Alumni can help students through mentoring and internships. This relationship is vitally important for both alumni and students. I believe very strongly that you have a responsibility to share the benefit of your knowledge and experience with those who follow."

Pratt graduated from Northeastern University in 1970 with a degree in English-journalism and social psychology. He received a master's in higher education administration and business administration from Bradley University in Illinois in 1977, and an Ed.D. in higher education administration and human resource management from Seton Hall in 1992.

He began his career as a research assistant at Northeastern in 1970 and three years later became the director of the center for cooperative education at Trenton State College in New Jersey. In 1976, he was named director, cooperative education and career development center, at Bradley, a position he held for three years before moving to Seton Hall as director, career services.

In 18 years at Seton Hall, Pratt designed and managed programs including career development, experiential learning, graduate study preparation, employment recruiting and training for 10,000 undergraduate and graduate students in eight colleges as well as nearly 75,000 alumni. He also taught both undergraduate and graduate courses and takes pride in his ability to develop collaborative programs to integrate faculty into career services.

Pratt was named director of career services at MIT in 1998. A year later he was asked to lead the freshman/alumni summer internship program. He was in his third year at MIT when he was contacted about the opportunity at Columbia.

"Like MIT, I think Columbia is a very special place," said Pratt. "Clearly, both are outstanding schools. At MIT, it was concentrated in mathematics and science and technology. Columbia has all of that, and so much more."

Milstein to Receive Hamilton Medal

Philip L. Milstein '71, president and chief executive officer of Emigrant Savings Bank and a member of the University's Board of Trustees, will receive the 2001 Alexander Hamilton Medal at a black tie dinner to be held in Low Library Rotunda on Tuesday, November 13.

A specialist in commercial real estate lending, Milstein received his M.B.A. from NYU in 1974 and went to work at his family's real estate management company. He became Emigrant's vice chairman and director in 1987, after the bank was acquired, and assumed his current role in 1993.

At Columbia, Milstein has been an active and generous alumnus. He chaired the University's charter bicentennial celebration in 1987 and served as president of the Columbia College Alumni Association in 1990-92. He has led his class reunions, chaired the Alexander Hamilton and John

Phil Milstein '71 and his wife, Cheryl.
PHOTO: LOU ROCCO

Jay Awards dinners, and served on the College's Board of Visitors. He received the Alumni Federation Medal in 1993 and the John Jay Award for Distinguished Professional Achievement in 1996. Elected to the University's Board of Trustees that year, he is currently a member of the Executive Committee and chair of the Alumni Affairs Committee. His $10 million gift to the University in 1998 was instrumental in making possible the renovation of Butler Library, where the first three floors are now known as the Philip L. Milstein Family College Library.

The College Alumni Association presents the Alexander Hamilton Medal to an alumnus or faculty member for distinguished service and accomplishment in any field of endeavor.

The dinner co-chairs are Mark Kingdon '71 and Richard Witten '75. For ticket information, please contact the Alumni Office at (212) 870-2288.

Roald Hoffman '58 Lights Up Chemistry Department

Even the most inventive speakers routinely begin lectures in familiar ways: with anecdotes or especially telling quotations. Nobel Prize-winning chemist **Roald Hoffman '58** began the 14th annual Department of Chemistry lecture on May 2 by igniting a balloon filled with hydrogen.

Hoffman's pyrotechnics display introduced his talk on the "art, craft and business" of chemistry. While a traditional view (dating back to Renaissance alchemists) looked at chemistry in terms of substances, since the 18th century, Hoffman noted, it has been the study and transformation of molecules that have been at the heart of chemical research.

"Molecules are structures," he says, and "certain architectonic principles apply." But aesthetics also plays a role in Hoffman's understanding of molecules, which he describes as "simply beautiful, beautifully simple and devilishly hard to make." And making is crucial, he says, for people can forget that "chemistry is involved with creation as well as discovery."

Hoffman's ability to wax both philosophical and chemical reflects his unique background. Born in 1937 in Zloczow, Poland, Hoffman moved to the United States in 1949. He attended Stuyvesant H.S. in New York and enrolled in the College as a pre-med student, switching to chemistry after a few memorable courses. ("I spent two years at Columbia convincing my parents that I shouldn't go to medical school," he told his audience.) He earned his doctorate in chemistry at Harvard in 1962, and joined Cornell's chemistry department in 1965.

Hoffman won the Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 1981 (with Kenichi Fukui) for the development of mathematical theories to explain the behavior of atoms and molecules, and for co-authoring the Woodward-Hoffman Rule, which helps explain the workings of chemical reactions.

In his introduction, Dean Austin Quigley said of Hoffman, "As a research scientist, undergraduate teacher and imaginative writer, Roald Hoffman exemplifies the best of a Columbia College education." Hoffman "took the best of the varied things we have to offer and developed from them many things uniquely his own," Quigley added.

Certainly, Hoffman hasn't just put on a lab coat and hidden himself behind the nearest electron microscope. At Cornell, where he regularly teaches undergraduates, he is now Frank H. T. Rhodes Professor of Humane Letters as well as a professor of chemistry. He has published three collections of poetry, *Chemistry Imagined* (an art/science/literature collaboration with artist Vivian Torrence), two books about chemistry for general readers, and collaborated on a PBS series, *The World of Chemistry*. *Oxygen*, a play (about chemists, appropriately) that he recently co-wrote with Carl Djerassi, is scheduled for production in England, Germany and the United States.

"Rarely have the potential benefits of a Columbia education been so remarkably realized as in the case of [Hoffman], whose imaginative journeys have traversed such varied intellectual terrain," said Quigley.

T.P.C.

Roald Hoffman '58 (left) with Dean Austin Quigley
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Columbia, Others Reaffirm Commitment to Need-Based Financial Aid

At a time when need-blind admissions and full-need financial aid are under increasing pressure, University President George Rupp and the presidents of 27 other leading colleges and universities (including three other Ivies) have reaffirmed their commitment to the idea of financial aid based on financial need by endorsing a comprehensive set of principles designed to bring greater clarity, simplicity and fairness to the process of assessing each family's ability to pay for college.

In the agreement, which was announced on July 6, the presidents affirmed several general principles: Parents and students should contribute toward educational expenses according to their ability. Families with similar financial profiles should contribute similar amounts. Institutions should evaluate both income and assets in determining a family's ability to pay. Each institution agreed to inform applicants about the policies and practices it applies when measuring a family's ability to pay, carry out financial aid policies consistently, and support the awarding of need-based aid.

The presidents also agreed on a new "Consensus Approach to Need Analysis" that campus financial aid officials should use in determining financial aid eligibility. The new guidelines, which address issues not covered in guidelines for federal aid, are designed to make higher education more accessible. In general, the presidents expect that because of this agreement, parent financial contributions to a college education will decrease and the amount of aid provided by the institutions will increase. No institution will reduce the amount it currently invests in financial aid.

The guidelines, which could take more than a year to implement fully, are designed to adjust for the higher cost of living in certain areas of the country (such as New York, the Bay Area and Washington, D.C.), protect moderate-income families whose homes have skyrocketed in value, clarify procedures for determining the family income of students with divorced parents, and make

allowances for parents not covered in retirement programs.

The agreement is the result of the 568 Presidents' Working Group, an ad hoc committee of college and university presidents who have worked together to develop policies to enhance access to higher education. (The name comes from Section 568 of the Improving America's Schools Act, an antitrust exemption that allows colleges that practice need-blind admissions to discuss financial aid eligibility principles, but not financial aid awards.) The group, formed in 1999 under the leadership of Cornell University President Hunter Rawlings, who continues as its chair, and Harry Payne, then-president of Williams College, focused exclusively on strengthening need-based aid programs.

To make the awarding of financial aid more transparent and less confusing, the 28 schools pledged to carry out the principles consistently. "We need to restore

Second Annual Awards & Prizes Ceremony Held in Low Rotunda

On Monday, May 14, nearly 200 students, parents and faculty gathered in Low Rotunda for the College's second annual Academic Awards and Prizes Ceremony, which honors students who have distinguished themselves academically. Under the supervision of Dean of Academic Affairs Kathryn Yatrakis, the College plans to host the ceremony on the day before Class Day each year.

Before the award presentations, Dean Austin Quigley addressed the assembled students and guests. Yatrakis presented the special prizes; then professors Don Melnick (biological sciences), Teodolinda Barolini (Italian) and Michael Stanislawski (history) presented awards in the sciences, the humanities, and the social sciences, respectively. Seventy-two exemplary students were honored at the ceremony.

SPECIAL PRIZES

Harry J. Carman Fellowship
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Charles Brandon Yackulic '01

Richard Lewis Kohn Traveling Fellowship
Kris Matthew De Pedro '03

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Henry L. Maldonado '03

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Julia Beth Bruskin '02
Emily Rachel Bruskin '02
Christopher Elliot Leake '01
Alicia Nah-Kyung Lee '01

Arthur Rose Teaching Assistantship Award
Daniel Immerwahr '02

Solomon and Seymour Fisher Civil Liberties Fellowship
Andra Nahal Behrouz '02

Louis Sudler Prize in the Arts
Daniel Phillip Harris '01

PRIZES IN THE SCIENCES

Computer Science Department Award
Jesse Costello-Good '01

Alfred Moritz Michaelis Prize
Rachel Heather Knapp '01

I.I. Rabi & V. Kann-Rasmussen Prize in Mathematics
Alexander Ivanov Sotirov '02

Professor Van Amringe Mathematical Prize
Eric Michael Patterson '03

Professor Van Amringe Mathematical Prize
Vladislav Shchogolev '04

John Dash Van Buren, Jr., Prize in Mathematics
Ari Joshua Stern '01

PRIZES IN THE HUMANITIES

Academy of American Poets Poetry Prize
Michael Scott Paulson '04

Charles Paterno Barratt-Brown Memorial Prize
Francisco Arturo Reinking '01

Dino Bigongiari Prize
Max Joseph Dickstein '01

Carl B. Boyer Memorial Prize
Adam Michael Sokol '01

Seymour Brick Memorial Prizes
Joshua Max Feldman '01
Michael Laurence Weiss '02

Karen Osney Brownstein Writing Prize
Katharine Stowell Cortesi '01

Douglas Gardner Caverly Prize
Christine Elizabeth Miola '01

George William Curtis Prizes in Oratory
Alec Reuven Borenstein '02
Saul Lewis Becher '02
Ashanti Nailah Blaize '02
James Lee Massey '01

Arthur E. Ford Poetry Prize
Justin Jamail '02
Leon M. Martin'02 (Honorable Mention)

Dean Hawkes Memorial Prizes
Dyonna M. Ginsburg '02
Stephen Boyd Hequembourg '02
Benjamin David Letzler '02

Adam Leroy Jones Prizes in Logic
Jonathan Matthew Manes '03
Howard Leo Morrow Nye '02

Jonathan Throne Kopit Memorial Prizes
Alaya Dawn Johnson '04
Alan Chun Shing Yeung '04

Helen & Howard R. Marraro Prizes
Jonathan Combs-Schilling '01
Christine Elizabeth Miola '01
Charlotte Ann Newhouse '01

Philolexian Prize Fund
Fallon Christina Scoggins '03

Peter M. Riccio Prize
Johanna Erhardt '01

Benjamin F. Romaine Prizes
Justin Dunham Burt '04
James Jan Sullivan '01

Van Rensselaer Prize
Anthony Jason Morales '02
Francisco Arturo Reinking '01 (Honorable Mention)

Susan Huntington Vernon Prize
Cambria J. Matlow '01

Richmond B. Williams Traveling Fellowship
Patrick William Pearsall '02

George Edward Woodberry Prizes
Rachel Fleishman '01
Ariana L. Reines (Barnard)

PRIZES IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

Chanler Historical Prize
Eunice Rho '01

Earle Prize in Classics
Leonard M. Braman '02

Albert Marion Elsberg Prize
Andrew Rouge Dennington '01

Albert Asher Green Memorial Prize
Timothy H. Mui '01

Lily Prize in History
En Min Chua '01

Russell C. Mills Award
Matthew George Schultz '01

Sanford S. Parker Prize
Jonathan Vogel '01

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Edwin Robbins Academic Summer Research Fellowship in History
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Peter Bret Lamphere '02

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Agne Baranauskaite '02
Priya Lal '02

Romine Prize
Allie Schwartz '01
Benjamin Louis Cahan '01

Taraknath Das Foundation Award
Alex Lee '01
Satoko Naito '01
Miyabi Yamatoto (Barnard)

Alan J. Willen Memorial Prize
Seth Mordecai Kotch '01
Yafit Yonay '01

confidence in the process of determining family contributions, and we need to do so before the American public's confidence in the financial aid system erodes further," said Rawlings.

Within the Ivy League, Cornell, Penn and Yale also signed the agreement, but Dartmouth, Harvard and Princeton did not. Both Princeton and Harvard, which have endowments substantially larger than Columbia's, recently announced new financial aid packages for their students. According to *The New York Times*, the two schools said that they endorsed need-based financial aid, but would not sign the agreement because it would have reduced the aid they could give students. (Brown, which does not offer need-blind admissions, was not legally permitted to participate in the agreement, although it can adopt the principles voluntarily.)

Other universities that have agreed to the guidelines are Duke, Emory, Georgetown, MIT, Northwestern, Rice, Stanford, Chicago, Notre Dame, Vanderbilt, Wake Forest and Wesleyan. Colleges that have signed on include Haverford, Middlebury, Pomona, Swarthmore, Wellesley and Williams.

T.P.C.

Quigley Leads Pinter Symposiums at Lincoln Center

Columbians know **Austin Quigley** as both dean of the College and a professor of English and comparative literature. At Lincoln Center's 2001 Festival, a wider audience got to share his expertise during symposiums about Harold Pinter.

Quigley moderated two symposiums, "Actors on Pinter" on July 20 and "Directors on Pinter" on July 21. The actors focused on their experiences working with Pinter's plays, screenplays and adaptations, while stage directors of the festival discussed their approaches to Pinter's texts.

The festival's sixth season was held July 10-29 and focused on Pinter's work. The playwright's retrospective included nine plays, with Pinter directing two productions and acting in a third, as well as

WKCR To Mark 60th Anniversary

WKCR, Columbia's student-run radio station, will celebrate its 60th anniversary with special programming from September 23, the birthday of John Coltrane, through October 10, the birthday of Thelonious Monk. During that period, WKCR hopes to raise funds to pay for equipment that has been purchased for its new studios in Lerner Hall. The radio station spent the past five years broadcasting from temporary quarters in Riverside Church until moving into Lerner this month.

"We hope that moving into Lerner will increase student awareness and involvement with KCR, and that more student volunteers helping out will increase our impact in New York City as well," says **Eugene Sit '02 SEAS**, general manager of WKCR. "The new space and equipment will greatly, greatly expand WKCR's capabilities. Just as an example, in our old studio, we had to use the studio space to store CDs and records, so live performances will be much easier to accommodate in the new studio." Sit also stressed that the new equipment should enable WKCR to solve the technical problems caused by old, outdated equipment.

Asked what makes WKCR special, Sit replied, "Compared to most college stations, WKCR is quite unique in the opportunities it gives to its students. A lot of that has to do with the fact that Columbia's in New York City. But also, if you look at the breadth and depth of our programming, we try to bring the arts to the New York community — or New York's communities — in a way other area radio stations don't."

In addition to birthday marathons for Coltrane and Monk, WKCR's special programming will include highlights from other jazz greats, special sports broadcasts and selections from the best of its Classical, American, New Music, Latin, Arts and "In All Languages" programming. For more information, consult the radio station's Web site, www.wkcr.org.

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screenings of eight films written by Pinter.

Quigley's writing about theater includes two books: *The Pinter Problem* and *The Modern Stage and Other Worlds*. He also serves on the editorial boards of *The Pinter Review, Modern Drama* and *New Literary History*.

L.B.

CAMPUS BULLETINS

■ BANK ON IT: **Joseph Stiglitz,** former chief economist of the World Bank, has joined Columbia in a joint professorship among the College's department of economics, the Graduate School of Business and the School of International and Public Affairs. Previously at Stanford, Stiglitz wanted to relocate to the Northeast, and although he was also sought by Harvard and Yale, he told *The New York Times* that he preferred Columbia because of the high level of student attendance and interest in lectures he had delivered as a visiting professor.

Over the last 35 years, Stiglitz has made contributions to nearly every field of economic theory — macroeconomics, microeconomics, international economics, labor economics, financial economics and development economics. A tenured professor at Yale at the age of 27, he has since been a faculty member at Princeton, Oxford and Stanford and has become a Fellow of the Econometric Society and a member of the National Academy of Science. He has published more than 300 papers and a dozen books.

Stiglitz has become influential not only in academia but also in the making and evaluation of international economic policy. In the 1990s, he was a member of President Clinton's Council of Economic Advisers, eventually serving as chairman. He became chief economist of the World Bank in 1997, where he consulted with heads of state and ministers. He split with the International Monetary Fund over his belief that its austerity programs imposed on developing countries did more harm than good, and returned to education.

Stiglitz was a visiting professor at both the Graduate School of Business and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences in January 2000. He plans to make SIPA the location for his new Initiative for Policy Dialogue, a foundation aimed at providing an alternative to the International Monetary Fund and World Bank for countries in need of sound economic policy advice.

L.B.

■ FUND RISES: For the fourth year in a row, the Columbia College Fund posted record contributions. Thanks to the generosity of alumni, parents, students and friends of the College, more than $8.1 million in unrestricted gifts was received, an increase of 7 percent over last year's $7.6 million. An additional $18 million in gifts were received for capital purposes at the College, chiefly scholarship endowments and gifts for new and renovated facilities, bringing total contributions to about $26 million.

The College Fund Committee, working in conjunction with the development staff in the Alumni Office, was led by chairman **Edward Weinstein '57**, with seven vice chairs supporting his efforts: **Robert Berne '60**, **Abby Black Elbaum '92**, **Steve Jacobs '75**, **Conrad Lung '72**, **Robert Fischbein '60**, **Larry Rubinstein '60** and **Steve Schwartz '70.**

Highlights of the year included record participation by the Class of 2001, with more than 30 percent of graduating seniors choosing to support the College Fund; young alumni giving also was stimulated by last year's launch of the Hamilton Associates honor society for young alumni/senior class donors. The class of 1991, celebrating its 10th reunion, surpassed 20 percent participation and received a matching gift of $5,000 for its effort. Parents contributed $447,000 to the College, with record participation of 23 percent.

Gifts to the Fund allow Dean **Austin Quigley** and his staff to pursue initiatives to improve the services and resources offered to students of the College. Unrestricted gifts are those which give the dean the most flexibility to use where he sees the need, providing current and immediately usable funds for the College's many programs, including financial aid and student services.

■ TUITION RISES, MODESTLY: Undergraduate tuition increased 3.7 percent for the 2001-02 academic year, tying last year for the lowest rise in the past two decades. The increase was part of an overall 2001-02 operating budget of $1.953 billion, a 6.5 percent increase. The rise translates into a tuition increase of about $927 to $25,971. The composite tuition rate — a weighted average of all the schools' tuition rates — rose 4.2 percent, less than last year's 4.8 rise. Tuition revenue primarily funds faculty salaries and benefits, student services and financial aid.

■ CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: Renovations to Hamilton Hall continue as part of Columbia's $45 million summer construction initiatives. Eight classrooms on the third and fourth floors as well as the undergraduate admissions and core curriculum offices are being renovated with new furniture, finishes, lighting systems, ventilation and air conditioning.

The wrought iron gates on 116th (both Broadway and Amsterdam) were removed in June, repaired and re-installed in August. Butler Library improvements continue as well, with changes to the stacks on the fourth and fifth floors and plans for a new 24-hour reading room on the fourth floor. A black box theater and studio facilities for WKCR have been completed in Lerner Hall, and improvements also were made to the infrastructures of Low Library, Wien Hall and several other buildings.

ALUMNI BULLETINS

■ PULITZER: **John Corigliano '59** was awarded the 2001 Pulitzer Prize in music, along with a cash prize of $7,500, for his *Symphony No. 2 for String Orchestra*. An expansion of his 1995 *String Quartet*, the

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work premiered in November 2000 with Seiji Ozawa conducting the Boston Symphony Orchestra. A tour the following month included a performance in Carnegie Hall.

The son of a New York Philharmonic concertmaster and a pianist, Corigliano continues in the tradition of his musical family as a composer of orchestral, chamber, opera, and film works. He earned a 2000 Academy Award for *The Red Violin*, his third film score, becoming the second classical composer to receive the award, preceded only by Aaron Copland. Corigliano's *Symphony No. 1*, a response to the AIDS crisis, earned the Chicago Symphony Orchestra 1991 Grammy Awards for both Best New Composition and Best Orchestral Performance. Grammy Awards also lauded his 40-minute String Quartet in 1996, making him the first composer to win Best New Composition twice.

A native New Yorker, Corigliano holds professorships at both CCNY and Julliard. In 1991, he was elected to the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters. His newest recording, *Phantasmagoria* (Sony Classical), features cellist Yo-Yo Ma and pianists **Emanuel Ax '70** and James Tocco.

■ NEW YORK: When *New York: A Documentary Film* premiered on PBS in 1999, the five-part, 10-hour series was hailed for its extraordinary narrative power and its unprecedented breadth and scope in detailing New York City's history, from the arrival of Henry Hudson in 1609 to the opening of the Empire State Building in 1931. Now, the Emmy and Alfred I. duPont-Columbia Award-winning series will conclude with two final episodes covering the time from the Depression to the present day. Directed, co-produced and co-written by **Ric Burns '78**, episodes six and seven will premiere on Sunday, September 30 and Monday, October 1 (9 p.m., PBS; check local listings).

Burns calls the seven decades from the stock market crash in 1929 to the present "the most riveting and fateful period in the city's entire history, when New York faced its most critical challenges and took its modern form." Episode 6 is entitled "The City of Tomorrow" and covers 1929-45, while episode 7 is called "The City and the World" and takes us up to present time.

Burns is hardly the film's only Columbia connection. His co-producer is **Steve Rivo '93** and his co-writer is **James Sanders '76**. Among College figures contributing to the final two episodes are professor Ken Jackson, alumni **Robert A.M. Stern '60**, **Marshall Berman '61** and **Mike Wallace '64**, and in one of his final on-screen appearances, **Allen Ginsberg '48.**

■ NOMINATED: President Bush has nominated **Miguel Estrada '83** for the United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit. Estrada is the first Latino to be nominated for the court, considered by many lawyers to be the second most important court in the nation after the U.S. Supreme Court. The nomination was announced along with 10 other federal appeals courts candidates on May 9.

Born in Honduras, Estrada is a partner in the Washington, D.C. office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP and has argued 15 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. He is a partner of Theodore Olson, who led the Bush campaign's successful legal battle during the Florida recount. A graduate of Harvard Law School, Estrada practiced corporate law in New York with Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz, then served as Assistant U.S. Attorney and deputy chief of the Appellate Section in the Southern District of New York U.S. Attorney's Office. From 1992 until

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Palmieri Receives President's Cup

Mario Palmieri '50 (second from right) was awarded the President's Cup for distinguished and outstanding service to his class at the annual alumni luncheon on May 4 at the Columbia Club. Palmieri has been active in organizing his class reunions and also has served for many years as class correspondent for *Columbia College Today*. Joining Palmieri are (from left) Dean Austin Quigley; **Christopher LaRaja '01**, son of last year's recipient, **Dr. Raymond LaRaja '59**, who was unable to attend the luncheon; and President George Rupp.

PHOTO: MICHAEL DAMES

1997, he served as Assistant to the U.S. Solicitor General.

■ HONORED: **Arun Kristian Das '95** received the South Asian Journalists Association's Journalism Award on June 23. A 2001 graduate of Columbia's Graduate School of Journalism, Das will be honored for his documentary on police shooting deaths in New York City, *Two Deaths Too Many*. SAJA gives the awards to recognize outstanding reporting about South Asia and by South Asian journalists and students. The award was presented by editor of *Newsweek International* Fareed Zakaria at SAJA's national convention.

■ SCHOLAR: The New York Public Library Center has named **Mike Wallace '64** one of 15 Scholars and Writers for 2001-2002. A professor of history at John Jay College of Criminal Justice and the City University of New York, Wallace, who earned both his M.A. and Ph.D. from Columbia, was selected from 293 applicants from 25 countries. The Center for Scholars and Writers offers a nine-month fellowship that allows novelists, historians, scientists and others to complete their research close to the Library's resources. Fellows receive a stipend and office space at 42nd Street and Fifth Avenue and are scheduled as speakers in the Center's lecture series.

■ STATMAN: **Bruce Levin '68**, professor of biostatistics at the School of Public Health, was named a Fellow of the American Statistical Association last month in Atlanta. The designation signifies an individual's "outstanding service to and leadership in the field of statistical science," according to the organization, which accorded 48 members the Fellows honor. Levin was cited "for influential contributions to legal statistics; for the development of methods for complex discrete data analysis and for sequential analysis; [and] for statistical leadership in Biostatistics at Columbia University."

■ OFF THE STREET: **Dave Kansas '90** has resigned as editor-in-chief of *TheStreet.com*, a source of financial information for individual investors as well as a provider of business news to other media outlets. A former reporter for *The Wall Street Journal*, Kansas worked with *TheStreet.com* from its founding five years ago until his resignation on June 13.

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IN LUMINE TUO

■ GREAT TEACHERS: **Michael Seidel**, professor in the humanities, and **Dimitris Anastassiou**, professor of electrical engineering, will be presented with the annual Great Teacher Awards by the Society of Columbia Graduates in Low Rotunda on October 11. The Great Teacher Awards honors outstanding faculty members for their "ability to stimulate, challenge and inspire students and to make effective oral presentations; a demonstrated interest in students and the ability to relate positively to students outside the classroom; and a recognized standing in academic discipline."

Seidel, a member of the English department, has been at Columbia since 1977 after teaching at Yale for seven years. One of the most popular teachers of literature humanities, Seidel also has served as chair of his department, regularly advises College students and is a member of a faculty committee that is charged with reviewing the logic and rhetoric program.

Anastassiou came to Columbia as an assistant professor in 1983, earned tenure two years later and became a full professor in 1992. He was the recipient of one of the first NSF Presidential Young Investigator Awards for 1986-91, and is perhaps best known as Columbia's co-inventor and joint patent holder with several major technology corporations of the MPEG-2, which appears in all current forms of digital transmission.

■ PRESIDENT JACKSON: The New-York Historical Society named **Ken Jackson**, Barzun Professor of History and Social Sciences, its president on May 3. When first offered the position, the devoted Columbia professor initially refused because he feared it would preclude his opportunity to teach. He agreed to take the job after arranging to continue teaching on a reduced schedule. Jackson succeeds **Betsy Gotbaum**, who had been the society's president since 1994.

As president, Jackson hopes to renew the institution's focus on the immigrants who have shaped the city, and reach out to groups who may have felt underrepresented by the institution in the past. He also wants to add innovative educational activities, similar to those he has provided for Columbia students, to the society's schedule, including all-night bike rides, field trips and movie nights.

"I want people, when they think about history, to think about the New-York Historical Society," Jackson says. "We want this to be the historical society for all New Yorkers."

■ MERTON HONORED: University Professor Emeritus **Robert K. Merton** has been awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Rome. The recipient of 30 honorary degrees, Merton was the first sociologist to be awarded the country's highest scientific honor, the National Medal of Science. Merton has enjoyed a career in theoretical sociology spanning more than 50 years at Columbia and is the author, co-author or editor of more than 20 books and 200 articles in scholarly journals.

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Run to Glory

BY JONATHAN LEMIRE '01

In one remarkable afternoon last fall, Johnathan Reese '02 rewrote the Columbia football record book — at least the entries dealing with running backs.

Until that sunny Saturday, Columbia's record for most rushing yards in a single game was held by Jim O'Connor '69 — 225 yards against Brown in 1966. The school record for most rushing yards in a season, 914, was set by Doug Jackson '76 in 1975. And the mark for most rushing yards in a career, 1,992, was compiled by Lou Kusserow '49 in 1945-48.

Before a homecoming crowd of 9,289 at Baker Field's Wien Stadium on October 21, 2000, Reese broke two of those records and came within three yards of shattering the third, as the Lions pounded Dartmouth 49-21 in the most one-sided effort by Columbia in the history of the series, which dates back to 1899.

Johnathan Reese already holds all major Columbia rushing records.
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Most impressively, the 236-yard, four-touchdown performance — the single greatest day of any Lion running back in school history — took place in just the

Is Johnathan Reese '02 Columbia's Best Running Back Ever?

Reese uses his speed, agility and power to elude a Dartmouth defender during his record 236-yard Homecoming game last year.

PHOTO: GENE BOYARS

sixth game of Reese's junior season. It had taken him four fewer games than Jackson to establish the season rushing record — he would finish the 2000 campaign with 1,330 yards on 263 carries, a 5.1 average — and he was just three yards shy of setting the career mark in a season-and-a-half less than it took Kusserow. Reese enters his senior year having gained 2,354 yards for the Light Blue.

The case easily can be made that while Columbia football has had more than its share of star quarterbacks including Sid Luckman '39, Gene Rossides '49, Archie Roberts '65, Marty Domres '69 and John Witkowski '84, it has never had a running back like Johnathan Reese, nor like former Ivy standouts Ed Marinaro of Cornell or Calvin Hill of Yale.

Asked to rank Reese among the Lions' all-time rushers, Bill Steinman, a veteran of more than three decades in the Columbia athletics communications office, says, "It's hard, because on the heels of just one super season he seems to have outdistanced them all. For the most part, the Columbia football record book just says 'Reese.' Johnathan not only passed Lou Kusserow's records, he overwhelmed them."

"The records weren't that big of a deal," Reese says in typically modest fashion, when asked to reflect upon his performance against Dartmouth. "It was more important that we won the game."

"But," he allows after some thought, "I guess it was pretty amazing that so many of them came on that same day."

Kusserow's career mark fell on Columbia's first offensive play the following week at Yale, but the team could not match the performance of its star running back. While Reese continued to pile up 100-yard rushing efforts, the Lions dropped their final four games of the season to finish at 3-7 including an Ivy mark of 1-6, a major disappointment for a team that had hoped to challenge for the league title.

The undisputed bright spot of the season was Reese. The 6-1, 210-pound running back scored 18 touchdowns rushing, another Columbia record. He caught 20 passes for 254 yards and returned 10 kickoffs for 368 yards and another touchdown. His 36.8 yards per kickoff return would have led the nation had he qualified for the NCAA leaders by running back two more kicks. He ranked sixth in the nation in scoring and 14th in rushing, and was selected unanimously to the first-team All-Ivy squad.

So what can Reese possibly do for an encore as a senior?

"I started working out earlier this offseason than before, and I'm working harder," he says. "I'm going to be better this year, and most importantly, so is the team."

Reese's journey to collegiate stardom began in his native St. Louis. His high school career at St. Louis Country Day School was impressive: he totaled nine varsity letters and excelled at basketball, baseball and track, as well as his first love, football. He was named his league's MVP as a senior and took his team to the 1997 state championship game at the Trans World Dome, home of the NFL Rams.

He was also an honor roll student, and that naturally drew the attention of the Ivy League to the streets of the Gateway City.

"Most of the schools in the league recruited [Reese]," says Columbia coach Ray Tellier, "but we went after him hard and we were fortunate that he chose us."

Tellier benefited from an ace in the hole. Kirby Mack '00 earlier had transferred to Columbia from the University of Virginia to take up residence as the Lions' fullback (he moved to outside linebacker for his senior season). And just as he bolstered the Light Blue's running attack in 1998, Mack also improved it by his actions off the gridiron: He is Reese's cousin, and immediately began recruiting the high school standout.

"I wouldn't say I played a huge role in Johnathan's decision," says Mack, "but the fact that I was going to be at Columbia probably helped him feel comfortable going there."

Reese was the focus of the Columbia offense last season as he ran around and through opponents for a school-record 1,330 yards.

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Reese also cites the lure of the Big Apple in his decision.

"The appeal of New York City was a major factor for me," he says. "When I stepped off the plane at LaGuardia [for a recruiting visit], "I was just blown away by all of the tall buildings. Growing up in Missouri, you don't see buildings like that so close together."

While Reese, a history major, has come to know and love many of Manhattan's attractions during his time at Columbia, his primary focus has been improving the Lions' on-field fortunes. When he arrived on campus, Columbia was looking to bounce back from a disappointing 4-6 season just one year removed from the Marcellus Wiley-led 8-2 1996 campaign.

"Like every first-year, I wanted to be the one to change the program around," says Reese, "and I was frustrated by having to sit on the bench so much." His playing time increased as the season went on, however, and Reese finished the year with 417 rushing yards, good enough to earn him Ivy League Rookie of the Year honors.

"He played more than first-years do," notes Tellier, "and he made an immediate impact. We always knew he was going to be a real good player, but even we didn't know how good."

Though hampered by nagging injuries, Reese showed flashes of brilliance in his sophomore year. He gained 607 yards on the ground and scored four touchdowns, but he was far from satisfied with his performance.

"As a sophomore, I was not prepared to take over and become the focal point of the offense," he says. "After that season I knew I wanted to grow both mentally and physically."

And grow he did. Reese added almost 20 pounds of muscle that offseason, but Mack believes that the extra bulk was not the

most important addition his cousin made before the 2000 season.

"He definitely did get bigger and faster," Mack said, "but he also developed a mental toughness he didn't have before. In high school, he was always used to being the best by just stepping out on the field. He needed to make the mental adjustment that that is not how things work in college."

The changes paid off. In the season opener against Fordham, Reese seemed to draw energy from the excitement surrounding the Lions' first night game in the 77-year history of Baker Field by ripping off 172 yards in a 43-26 rout of the Rams. The message was sent: the 2000 Lions were Johnathan Reese's team.

"They're going to put the ball in Reese's hands," Fordham coach Dave Clawson told the *Columbia Daily Spectator* after the game, "and they're going to go as far as he can take them."

Reese did his part. He rushed for over 100 yards six times and over 200 twice — the record-setting day against Dartmouth and a 201-yard game against Lafayette. Unfortunately, the Lions' deficiencies were too much for even Reese to overcome. While the offense blossomed under starting quarterback Jeff McCall '02, the defense was porous, giving up over 40 points in six of their 10 games. The Lions also faltered in close games, losing all three contests they played that were decided by four points or less.

"It's no secret that our defense struggled last year," says Tellier, looking ahead to the 2001 campaign that begins at Fordham on Sept. 15. "That will need to improve, as well as our ability to win tight games. The offense was good, though, and should only get better, and Johnathan's continued development is a big reason for that."

For the upcoming season, Reese's leadership will be officially recognized: He's been picked as one of the Lions' captains by his teammates. Mack believes that Reese, a very quiet and reserved individual, will do an excellent job leading by example.

"He's a great teammate," Mack says, "and everybody likes him. He'll work hard and get the most out of that team."

Like most fiercely competitive athletes, Reese's only stated goal for the upcoming year is a team championship. He does, however, have his sights firmly set on where he'd like to be a year from now.

"I want to play in the NFL," Reese says. "I believe I have the talent and work ethic to at least get a shot at making it. It's what all football players want, and I'm no exception."

He's not eager to leave Columbia just yet, however.

"At first, I was a little distant from the school because I was frustrated with how things were going on the football field," says Reese. "But now that the end is almost here, I don't want to leave."

Before graduation comes for Johnathan Reese, there will be 10 more football games, 10 more chances to add to his already impressive entry in the Columbia record book. Mack, who as a linebackers coach for Brown will have the challenge of trying to stop Reese this season, believes that more greatness is in store for the most accomplished running back in Columbia history.

"I know my cousin," Mack said, "and we've yet to see the best of Johnathan Reese."

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OCT. 13 HOMECOMING vs. PENN HIGHLIGHTS FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

The annual Homecoming game, which takes place this year on Oct. 13 against Penn, highlights Columbia's football schedule for the 2001 season.

After opening the season on the road (thought not far away) at Fordham on Sept. 15, the Lions make their Baker Field debut in a night game against Bucknell on Sept. 22. Columbia begins its Ivy schedule at Princeton on Sept. 29, then plays at Lafayette before the big Homecoming game against Penn.

Following is the full schedule:

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sept. 15	at Fordham	1 p.m.
Sept. 22	Bucknell	7 p.m.
Sept. 29	at Princeton	7 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Lafayette	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	Penn	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	at Dartmouth	1 p.m.
Oct. 27	Yale	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	Harvard	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	at Cornell	1 p.m.
Nov. 17	Brown	12:30 p.m.

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Waxing Wry

By Nina Willdorf '99

In the past year, David Rakoff '86 has written a book, been on the bill at Central Park's Summer Stage, appeared on *The Late Show with David Letterman* and *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart*, and won many an ear for his apt observations about everything from what it was like to play Freud in a Christmas window to why he can't stand Robin Williams. Add in rave reviews for his debut collection of essays called *Fraud* (Doubleday, June 2001) and the 36-year-old gay Jewish Canadian appears to have, well, *made* it.

Public radio devotees likely are already familiar with Rakoff's alternately hilarious and melancholy, always dry-witted, deadpan voice from his role as a regular contributor to *This American Life*, the popular Public Radio International weekend show hosted by Ira Glass. Rakoff got his journalistic start traipsing around with a microphone interviewing people, gathering sound and broadening his deft findings with gently precise and wrenchingly funny analysis of the ironies in American culture. On the radio, and in his written work for publications like *The New York Times Magazine*, *Outside* and *GQ*, Rakoff excels at providing a fresh eye on people's quirks, tackling subjects as varied as country singer Shania Twain, Icelandic folklore and the Aspen comedy festival.

In 1996, David Rakoff played the role of Freud in a decidedly non-traditional Christmas window display at Barney's in Manhattan.

Rakoff has taken that signature voice to the page, compiling many of his unique non-fiction essays — either culled from radio shows or magazine assignments — into his teasingly titled collection, which ends with this coy disclaimer: "I only half believe what I'm telling you." But self-incriminating and tirelessly indiscriminate with his curiosity, Rakoff makes believers out of his readers. With *Fraud*, Rakoff joins a growing group of young, literary, pop culture-savvy genre-benders like Glass, author Dave Eggers, humorist David Sedaris and essayist and critic Sarah Vowell, all of whom have contributed glowing quotes to Rakoff's book jacket.

Almost immediately after the publication of *Fraud*, Rakoff found himself launched into the literary spotlight: one to watch for, as *Entertainment Weekly* described him. One didn't have to watch very hard, as Barnes & Noble planted his books on prominent display in the front of its stores across the country.

Rakoff's path from Kent Hall's East Asian Studies classrooms to Central Park's Summer Stage for Canada Day this summer, where he shared a spot with the folk rock band Cowboy Junkies, followed a route most humanities majors (before and since) only dream of.

Ask him to recount his story, however, and he'll display the same devilish wit and vocal ease he's honed on the radio, modestly and earnestly claiming himself a beneficiary, or victim, of luck. "I was green," he says, laughingly telling of his first days at Columbia. "I had never heard of Princeton. I had fallen off the banana truck the day before."

The young boy from Toronto originally selected Columbia over free universities in Canada mainly for the opportunity to head to the big city; a close second draw, he says, was the core curriculum. "I come from a decidedly pragmatic family," he says, adding that studying art or theatre was vetoed by his psychiatrist father and psychotherapist family practitioner mother. But once at Columbia, fate intervened and Rakoff assumed his natural spot on the stage, taking part in the Varsity Show and plays at Barnard's Minor Latham Playhouse.

As for his decision to major in East Asian Studies, it was, he says, based simply on one requirement: "I wanted to choose a major wherein I could learn four languages." His hunger to familiarize himself with various forms of communication — which includes exploring the nuances of English — is clearly evident in even the most casual conversation, as he playfully chews on his words and savors their subtleties. "I'm a dilettante, in the best sense of the word — which is something Columbia taught me," he explains.

Describing an enticingly dark aesthetic of Morningside Heights in the 1980s, Rakoff riffs: "At least when I was there you were nothing if you weren't smoking in a second-hand, black overcoat. It was *de rigueur*. In that sense it was quite interesting. It wore its alienation on its sleeve in the most *maar*velous way for a 17-year-old… I wasn't that cool, sadly. I wished I had been — polymorphous, febrile, sexually adventurous and difficult."

While Rakoff admits to coveting the certain brand of disheveled chic, the alienation he identified in the University apparently had an effect on his work. Many of *Fraud*'s essays center around the theme of alienation, of his being an "other." That sentiment, he says, was incubated at Columbia, along with his insatiable curiosity.

Following graduation in 1986, Rakoff headed to Tokyo, "as all good Japanese patriots do." There he contracted Hodgkin's disease, a mild form of lymphatic cancer, which forced him to return to Toronto for treatment, a story he tells in *Fraud*'s final essay, "I Used to Bank Here, But That Was Long, Long Ago." Two years later, a healthy, treated Rakoff

Public radio essayist David Rakoff '86

returned to New York, "the love of [his] life," and headed into the publishing world, to HarperCollins and the literary agency Curtis Brown. As he puts it, that was when he started "bitterly facilitating the creative work of others while avoiding my own."

Though most of his work has been on the radio or in print, Rakoff's thespian roots also have followed him into his late 30s. Following a letter to Sedaris in which Rakoff made "some veiled threatening reference that my Billie Holiday imitation was *the* one," the two humorists formed a friendship that has led to much of Rakoff's work in radio and theater. Sedaris, author of the bestseller *Me Talk Pretty One Day*, brought Rakoff on board for plays he and his sister Amy Sedaris wrote. Rakoff directed the 1994 Sedaris siblings' play *Stitches*, he acted in the 1999 *The Little Freida Mysteries* and he recently finished a run in their farce, *The Book of Liz*.

Rakoff, here outside Seattle's Moore Theatre, toured with David and Amy Sedaris's play ***The Little Freida Mysteries*** in 1999.

Soon enough after paying his

puts his musings to print in FRAUD.

dues at the editorial desks of the publishing world — a story he recounts in the scathing essay "Lush Life" — Rakoff started bitterly facilitating his own career, building up a writing roster of magazines such as *Outside*, *The New York Times Magazine*, *Salon*, *Harper's Bazaar* and *The New York Observer*.

His work is notable in his rare ability to be sarcastic and sassy without being bitter, to be wry without sacrificing emotional generosity. Many of Rakoff's essays follow a path of discovery: he travels to a foreign place and ultimately exposes himself, digging up interesting stories wherever he goes. One week he might interview Marcel Marceau and the next he might jet off to Tom Brown's Tracking, Nature and Wilderness Survival School to explore the intricacies of living off the land. "There's the question, 'Is this going to afford me some fodder for wisecracks?'" he says of his varied subject material. "And then, 'Is it going to afford me some fodder for larger, non-wisecracky stuff?'"

Rakoff has had, to say the least, a varied career, especially for someone who has yet to turn 40. "I don't know what I am," he says modestly. "I can be funny, but I can also be pretty sad. I don't think that I'm exclusively melancholy. I don't think that I'm exclusively satirical. I don't think that I'm exclusively funny.... But it's hard to pigeonhole oneself in that way, I suppose." He laughs gently and adds, "Other people will do it for you soon enough."

At Tom Brown's Tracking, Nature and Wilderness School, Rakoff discovers the joy of starting a fire from twigs. "This last endeavor is our primary milestone, survival-wise," he writes. "The squeak of turning spindles and the sweet smell of the smoldering cedar, occasionally followed by the applause of whatever small group might be standing nearby, is a constant. I make three attempts before success, but when it comes!"

Despite living in downtown Manhattan a few miles from Columbia, Rakoff has had little contact with the University since graduation — a testament, the author emphasizes, to the school's strength. "In the almost 15 years since I graduated, I haven't really been up to Morningside Heights more than 10 times," he admits. "That's the great triumph of Columbia. Parents who raise their children well raise children who go away." He laughs, adding in a fake ominous tone, "We're *everywhere*."

Asked to fantasize about who he'd envision playing him on the chance that *Fraud* were turned into a movie, Rakoff demurely declines. "Oh God, I have no idea." But only for a second. "Ohhh, OK, OK," he says with a laugh. "Oscar Levant, Richard Benjamin, 30 years ago. That's pretty well it. I'd never try it myself."

Directors? "Directed by...hmmmm...let's make it a musical, shall we? Let's say...choreography by Michael Kidd. Directed by, I don't know, Dorothy Kilgour. Let's just laugh, for God's sake, let's just have Rosalind Russell play me and be *done* with it."

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Bookshelf

Scandalmonger by *William Safire.* In this fact-based novel, scurrilous newspaper editor James Thomas Callender's first victim is Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton (Class of 1778), whose dalliance with a married woman rocked the fledgling republic (Simon & Schuster, $27).

Pilgrim Souls: A Collection of Spiritual Autobiographies, edited by *Amy Mandelker* and *Elizabeth Powers,* introduction by *Madeleine L'Engle.* A selection from *The Seven Storey Mountain* by Thomas Merton '38 is included in this anthology of spiritual seekers and seers that runs from the Psalmist to Flannery O'Connor (Touchstone Books, $17 paper).

Haiti: Best Nightmare on Earth by *Herbert Gold '46,* with a new afterword. This first-hand account, originally published in 1991, of the author's experiences in the Caribbean island nation begins in the 1950s and has been updated to include recent developments (Transaction Publishers, $21.95 paper).

Longevity and Quality of Life: Opportunities and Challenges, edited by *Robert N. Butler '49* and *Claude Jasmin.* Proceedings from an international congress devoted to the health concerns of older people, organized by the Paris-based International Council for Global Health Progress and the New York-based International Longevity Center, of which Butler is CEO (Kluwer Academic/Plenum Publishers, $149).

American Poetry: The Twentieth Century. Volume One: Henry Adams to Dorothy Parker. John Hollander '50, Sterling Professor of English at Yale, served on the advisory board for this anthology of modern American verse, which includes "Trees" by Alfred Joyce Kilmer '08 (Library of America, $35).

The Politics of Pure Science, new edition, by *Daniel S. Greenberg '53,* with introductory essays by *John Maddox* and *Steven Shapin,* and a new afterword by the author. An updated edition of the pioneering exploration of the interrelationship between politics and science, which dispelled myths of scientific purity and detachment, demonstrating how government funding underpinned fundamental scientific research from the 1940s to the 1970s (University of Chicago Press, $49 cloth, $15 paper).

Mandate Days: British Lives in Palestine, 1918-1948 by *A.J. Sherman '54.* Diaries, letters and official documents illuminate this account of the daily lives of the colonial administrators, soldiers and ordinary citizens who lived in Palestine when it was part of the British Empire (Johns Hopkins University Press, $17.95 paper).

John Huston: Interviews, edited by *Robert Emmet Long '56.* A collection of interviews on directing, cinematography and Hollywood personalities, conducted between 1956 and 1985, with the actor/director whose directorial career ranged from *The Maltese Falcon* to *Prizzi's Honor* (University of Mississippi Press, $46 cloth, $18 paper).

The Complete Short Stories of Marcel Proust, compiled and translated by *Joachim Neugroschel '58,* foreword by *Roger Shattuck.* This compendium contains a new translation of *Pleasures and Days,* a 1896 collection of stories that was the only work Proust published other than *Remembrance of Things Past,* plus six early short stories rendered into English for the first time (Cooper Square Press, $25.95).

The U.S. Nursing Home Industry by *Joseph A. Giacalone '60.* This economic and business analysis suggests mechanisms to balance the need for fiscal reality in long-term care with the overriding need to maintain high quality facilities and treatment for the nation's disabled and elderly (M.E. Sharpe, $60.95 cloth, $23.95 paper).

The Printer's Error by *Aaron Fogel '67.* This second collection of poems includes "De Bary Misquoted," an affectionate remembrance of Professor Wm. Theodore de Bary '41; from a Boston University English professor (Miami University Press, $19.95 cloth, $11.95 paper).

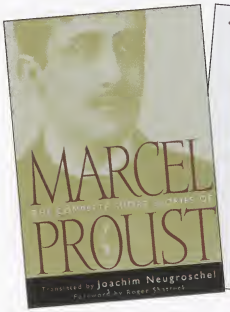
Negotiating Environmental Agreements: How to Avoid Escalating Confrontation, Needless Costs and Unnecessary Litigation by *Lawrence Susskind '68, Paul F. Levy,* and *Jennifer Thomas-Larmer.* Adopting a "mutual gains" approach to environmental negotiations for citizens, corporations and government can lead to fairer, more stable and wiser results rather than costly and time-consuming litigation (Island Press, $35 paper).

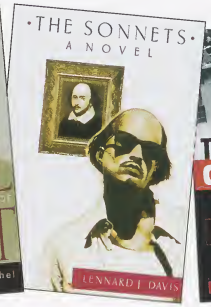
The Sonnets: A Novel by *Lennard J. Davis '70.* The fictional exploits of Will Marlowe, a Columbia English professor, whose life begins to parallel the Bard's, satirize modern academia, notions of contemporary romance and urban mores (State University of New York Press, $19.50).

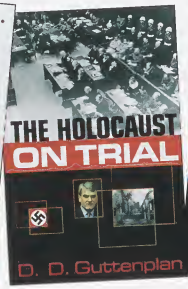
Bibliography of the Italian American Books by *Fred Gardaphé* and *James J. Periconi '70.* A wide-ranging checklist of Italian American literature, with an emphasis on fiction and poetry, that addresses "the experience of the Italian diaspora in the North American continent" (Italian American Writers Association, $20 paper).

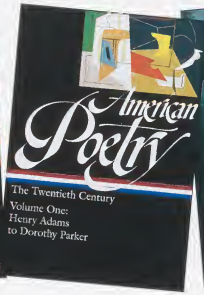
Stalin's Secret Pogrom: The Postwar Inquisition of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee, edited with an introduction by *Joshua Rubenstein'71* and *Vladimir P. Naumov.* Proceedings of a 1952 Soviet kangaroo court, where Stalin arranged for 15 Jews — including five prominent Yiddish writers — to be tried and convicted of treason and espionage for participating in a committee that Stalin had formed during World War II (Yale University Press, $35).

The Holocaust on Trial by *D.D. Guttenplan '78.* The 1996 British libel trial of American academic Deborah Lipstadt, who had branded English author David Irving a Holocaust denier, turned from a simple defense of her work into a case to prove that the Holocaust really occurred (W.W. Norton & Company, $24.95).









Welfare in the Kantian State by *Alexander Kaufman '78*. This new study of the Enlightenment philosopher's political views suggests a new theory of social welfare, including the state's responsibility to assist the least advantaged, rather than just limiting the Kantian state to the role of "night watchman" (Oxford University Press, $45).

Thomas Kuhn: A Philosophical History for Our Times by *Steve Fuller '79*. This controversial analysis argues that the groundbreaking author of *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*, far from being a revolutionary, embodied an essentially conservative view of science shaped by Western values during the Cold War (University of Chicago Press, $35).

Versos sencillos por José Martí, facing English translation by *Paul Hofmann '82*. A slender volume of verse from the Havana-born political activist, who spent most of his adult life in exile before being killed in an unsuccessful 1895 Cuban uprising against Spanish rule (Hofmann Press, $5 paper).

At Home in the Street: Street Children in Northeast Brazil by *Tobias Hecht '86*. A compassionate study of Brazilian street children, who often prefer the dangerous uncertainties of living rough on city streets to the Dickensian environment prevalent in state-run orphanages and shelters (Cambridge University Press, $59.95 cloth, $19.95 paper).

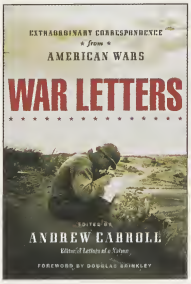
Fraud by *David Rakoff '86*. In this debut collection of humorous essays, many of which are elaborations of pieces originally written for Public Radio International's *This American Life*, the Canadian-born essayist tackles issues ranging from holistic therapies to soap operas (Doubleday, $21.95). *See story, page 20.*

Bringing Home the Laundry: Effective Parenting for College and Beyond by *Janis Brody '87*. Essential advice on avoiding resistance to change, managing separation anxiety and strengthening family bonds for the 12 million families who send children away to college each year; from a clinical psychologist specializing in adolescent development and the family (Taylor Publishing, $14.95 paper).

America's Unsung War Correspondents

Andrew Carroll '93 is a man with a mission. In **Letters of a Nation** (1998), he captured 350 years of American history through letters that ranged from Massachusetts Puritan John Winthorp to Groucho Marx. His next book, **In Our Own Words** (1999), was co-edited with Senator Robert Torricelli (D-N.J.) and brought together extraordinary 20th-century American speeches, including a eulogy for Knute Rockne, Richard Nixon's "Checkers" speech, and two versions of President Bill Clinton's public confession about Monica Lewinsky.

In his latest endeavor, **War Letters: Extraordinary Correspondence from American Wars** (Scribner, $28), Carroll has gathered more than 200 previously unpublished letters from America's wartime history. Carroll calls letters "this nation's great undiscovered literature," and this compendium ranges from an abolitionist's missive written before the gallows at Harper's Ferry to a 1998 letter home from an American officer on peacekeeping duty in Bosnia.



Andrew Carroll's **War Letters** *will be the basis of a documentary on PBS airing on Veterans Day.*

Among the World War I entries is a letter from an American aviator, Lt. David Ker '17, who left the College to join the army and was killed when American Expeditionary Forces overran the German stronghold of Saint-Mihiel in September 1918.

War Letters cracked *The New York Times's* best-seller list over the summer and shows every sign of having legs. On November 11, Veterans Day, the PBS documentary series *The American Experience* will air an episode, also entitled *War Letters*, based on Carroll's book. The documentary will feature war photographs and footage, with Oscar winners Kevin Spacey and Edward Norton, Oscar nominee Joan Allen and Emmy winner David Hyde Pierce among those reading American war letters.

The book and documentary are the latest fruits of the Washington, D.C.-based Legacy Project, a not-for-profit organization founded in 1998 that works to honor and remember those who have served this nation in wartime by seeking out and preserving their families' correspondence. Carroll (who was profiled in *CCT* in November 1999) is its executive director.

The Legacy Project remains a labor of love for Carroll, who is described by his publisher as "an impassioned, slightly eccentric 31-year-old." Carroll promised those who contributed letters that he would not profit from their submissions, and all proceeds from the book are being donated to veterans' groups, war memorials, museums and other not-for-profit organizations. The Legacy Project has launched a Web site, www.warletters.com, to complement the book, advise families on preserving letters and offer information on how to submit letters to The Legacy Project.

For his next book, Carroll is looking for a family that "has sent five generations off to war" and says he wants to "tell their story through their letters."

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American Avant-Garde Theatre: A History by *Arnold Aronson*, Professor of Arts. Examining works by the Wooster Group, the Living Theatre, Open Theatre and Ontological-Hysteric Theatre, Aronson traces the rise and decline of avant-garde theater through the end of the 20th century (Routledge, $24.95 paper).

America Divided: The Civil War of the 1960s by *Maurice Isserman* and *Michael Kazin*. This broad-ranging history of the 20th century's most turbulent decade places the 1968 disturbances at Columbia in the context of growing student radicalism and other mass movements across the nation (Oxford University Press, $30 cloth, $24.95 paper).

American Poetry: The Twentieth Century. Volume Two: E.E. Cummings to Mary Swenson. Columbia contributions to this second volume of modern American verse include lyrics from Oscar Hammerstein II '16 and Lorenz Hart '18, as well as poetry from Langston Hughes '25 and famed professor Mark Van Doren (Library of America, $35).

Veiled Sentiments: Honor and Poetry in a Bedouin Society by *Lila Abu-Lughold*, Professor of Anthropology and Women's Studies. Described by University Professor Edward Said as "truly extraordinary," this account of Abu-Lughold's two years among the Bedouins in Egypt's Western Desert provides a thoughtful analysis of Bedouin gender relations and emotional oral-lyric poetry (University of California Press, $18.95 paper).

Religious Experience, Justification, and History by *Matthew C. Bagger*, Assistant Professor of Religion. The examples of William James and Teresa of Avila respectively support and attack the author's controversial assertion that the commitment to supernatural explanations employed to support religious belief contradicts the modern ideal of human flourishing (Cambridge University Press, $59.95).

The Wind of the Hundred Days: How Washington Mismanaged

Globalization by *Jagdish Bhagwati*, University Professor. This collection of public policy essays argues that the true scandal of the Clinton administration lay in its mishandling of fiscal liberalization, especially in East Asia, and its maladroit management of the growing free trade movement (MIT Press, $32.95).

Cto Pokib ŁOhocti/A Hundred Years of Youth: A Bilingual Anthology of 20th Century Ukranian Poetry, compiled and edited by *Olha Luchuk* and *Michael M. Naydan*. Among the translators contributing to this one-of-a-kind collection is Vitaly Chernetsky, assistant professor of Slavic Languages and Literature (Litopys, $40).

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The Politics of Retribution in Europe: World War II and Its Aftermath, edited by *István Deák*, Professor of History, *Jan T. Gross* and *Tony Judt*. In addition to Professor Deak, contributors to this collection of essays — which studies Europe's failure in the post-war period to confront the real scope of collaboration with Nazis — include Bradley Abrams, assistant professor of history (Princeton University Press, $65 cloth, $19.95 paper).

Mathematics for Econometrics by *Phoebus Dhrymes*, Professor of Economics. A founding member of the *Journal of Economics* offers the third edition of this seminal mathematics text, which utilizes matrix algebra and pseudo-inverses to grapple with mathematical topics important to classical econometrics. (Springer Verlag, $44.95).

Alchemies of the Mind: Rationality and the Emotions by *Jon Elster*, R.K. Merton Professor of the Social Sciences. Drawing on the disciplines of history, literary theory, philosophy and psychology, as well as methodological and theoretical arguments, the author of *Deliberative Democracy* presents a thorough assessment of the emotions' place in human behavior (Cambridge University Press, $59.95 cloth, $19.95 paper).

Rudyard Kipling, edited by *Eileen Gillooly*, Director of the Core Curriculum, illustrated by *Jim Sharpe*. The ninth title in the Poetry for Young People Series introduces the verse of the most popular English poet of the late 19th century, the author of *Jungle Book* and *Kim* (Sterling Publishing, $14.95).

The Atlantic Slave Trade by *Herbert S. Klein*, Professor of History. Assembled with an analysis of the demography, economy, and history of both continents, this textbook on the shipment of African slaves to the Americas illuminates the stark realities and harsh conditions of "one of the great crimes of Western imperialism" (Cambridge University Press, $49.95 cloth, $16.95 paper).

Richard Serra, edited by *Hal Foster* with *Gordon Hughes*. This collection assessing the eponymous artist, considered by many to be the most important sculptor of the post-war era, includes a 1986 essay by Rosalind Krauss, Meyer Schapiro Professor of Modern Art and Theory (MIT Press, $19.95 paper).

The Discovery of Things: Aristotle's *Categories* & Their Context by *Wolfgang-Rainer Mann*, Associate Professor of Philosophy. Often viewed as a naïve, pre-philosophical ontology, Aristotle's conception of things — now completely engrained in Western thought — was really a hard-won philosophical achievement constructed through an implicit critique of his mentor, Plato (Princeton University Press, $39.50).

When Victims Become Killers: Colonialism, Nativism and the Genocide in Rwanda by *Mahmood Mamdani*, Herbert Lehman Professor of Government. The director of Columbia's Institute of African Studies attempts to understand the central paradox of the 1994 Rwanda massacres — how thousands of ordinary Hutus could willingly slaughter as many as one million of their Tutsi neighbors (Princeton University Press, $29.95). *For an excerpt, please see Columbia Forum in this issue.*

Music in the Age of the Renaissance by *Leeman L. Perkins*, Professor of Music. An introduction that places music, organized chiefly by genre, firmly within the political, religious and cultural context of one of Europe's most dynamic eras (W.W. Norton & Company, $49.95).

Cartographies of Desire: Male-Male Sexuality in Japanese Discourse, 1600-1950 by *Gregory M. Pflugfelder*, Assistant Professor of Japanese History. Literature, laws, newspaper articles, and medical tracts are among the sources used to uncover four centuries of Japanese attitudes toward homosexuality (University of California Press, $45).

Small Worlds: The Dynamics of Networks between Order and Randomness by *Duncan J. Watts*, Assistant Professor of Sociology. An analysis of the small-world phenomenon, captured in the notion of "six degrees of separation," has implications for the study of all networks, whether biochemical, social or electronic (Princeton University Press, $39.95).

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COLUMBIA FORUM

The Genocidal Impulse

The Rwandan genocide was one of the most horrific events of the late 20th century. From March to July 1994, between 500,000 and one million of the Tutsi minority were killed by members of the Hutu majority, who also killed as many as 50,000 fellow Hutu who refused to participate in the genocide. What is most troubling is that the massacres were the work of ordinary people, who so easily heeded calls to kill. The genocide "was carried out by hundreds of thousands, perhaps even more, and witnessed by millions," says **Mahmood Mamdani,** *Herbert Lehman Professor of Government and director of Columbia's Institute of African Studies. In this excerpt from* When Victims Become Killers: Colonialism, Nativism, and the Genocide in Rwanda *(Princeton University Press, $29.95), an attempt to understand the dynamics behind the slaughter, Mamdani explores the differences between settlers' and natives' genocide.*

Accounts of the genocide, whether academic or popular, suffer from three silences. The first concerns the history of genocide: many write as if genocide has no history and as if the Rwandan genocide had no precedent, even in this century replete with political violence. The Rwandan genocide thus appears as an anthropological oddity. For Africans, it turns into a Rwandan oddity; and for non-Africans, the aberration is Africa. For both, the temptation is to dismiss Rwanda as exceptional. The second silence concerns the agency of the genocide: academic writings, in particular, have highlighted the design from above in a one-sided manner. They hesitate to acknowledge, much less explain, the participation — even initiative — from below. When political analysis presents the genocide as exclusively a state project and ignores its subaltern and "popular" character, it tends to reduce the violence to a set of meaningless outbursts, ritualistic and bizarre, like some ancient primordial twitch come to life. The third silence concerns the geography of the genocide. Since the genocide happened within the boundaries of Rwanda, there is a widespread tendency to assume that it must also be an outcome of processes that unfolded within the same boundaries. A focus confined to Rwandan state boundaries inevitably translates into a silence about regional processes that fed the dynamic leading to the genocide.

We may agree that genocidal violence cannot be understood as rational; yet, we need to understand it as thinkable. Rather than run away from it, we need to realize that it is the "popularity" of the genocide that is its uniquely troubling aspect. In its social aspect, Hutu/Tutsi violence in the Rwandan genocide invites comparison with Hindu/Muslim violence at the time of the partition of colonial India. Neither can be explained as simply a state project. One shudders to put the words "popular" and "genocide" together, therefore I put "popularity" in quotation marks. And yet, one needs to explain the large-scale civilian involvement in the genocide. To do so is to contextualize it, to understand the logic of its development. My main objective in writing this book is to make the popular agency in the Rwandan genocide thinkable. To do so, I try to create a synthesis between history, geography, and politics. Instead of taking geography as a constant, as when one writes the history of a given geography, I let the thematic inquiry define its geographical scope at every step, even if this means shifting the geographical context from one historical period to another. By taking seriously the historical backdrop to political events, I hope to historicize both political choices and those who made these choices. If it is true that the choices were made from a historically limited menu, it is also the case that the identity of agents who made these choices was also forged within historically specific institutions. To benefit from a historically informed insight is not the same as to lapse into a politically irresponsible historicism. To explore the relationship between history and politics is to problematize the relationship between the historical legacy of colonialism and postcolonial politics. To those who think that I am thereby trying to have my cake while eating it too, I can only point out that it is not possible to define the scope — and not just the limits — of action without taking into account historical legacies.

The genocidal impulse to eliminate an enemy may indeed be as old as organized power. Thus, God instructed his Old Testament disciples through Moses, saying:

> Avenge the children of Israel of the Medianites: afterward shalt thou be gathered unto thy people. And Moses spake unto the people saying, Arm ye men from among you for the war, that they may go against Median, to execute the LORD's vengeance on Median.
> ...And they warred against Median, as the LORD commanded Moses, and they slew every male.
> ...And the children of Israel took captive the women of Median and their little ones; and all their cattle, and all their flocks, and all their goods, they took for a prey. And all their cities in the places wherein they dwelt, and all their encampments, they burnt with fire. And they took all the spoil, and all the prey, both of man and of beast. ...And Moses said unto

Mahmood Mamdani says the genocidal impulse may be as old as organized power.
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them, Have you saved all the women alive? Behold, these caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to commit trespass against the LORD in the matter of Peor, and so the plague was among the congregation of the LORD. Now therefore kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman that hath known man by lying with him. But all the women children that have not known man by lying with him, keep alive for yourselves.

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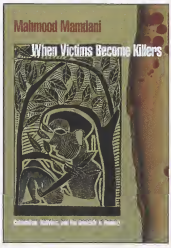
If the genocidal impulse is as old as the organization of power, one may be tempted to think that all that has changed through history is the technology of genocide. Yet, it is not simply the technology of genocide that has changed through history, but surely also how that impulse is organized and its target defined. Before you can try and eliminate an enemy, you must first define that enemy. The definition of the political self and the political other has varied through history. The history of that variation is the history of political identities, be these religious, national, racial, or otherwise.

I argue that the Rwandan genocide needs to be thought through within the logic of colonialism. The horror of colonialism led to two types of genocidal impulses. The first was the genocide of the native by the settler. It became a reality where the violence of colonial pacification took on extreme proportions. The second was the native impulse to eliminate the settler. Whereas the former was obviously despicable, the latter was not. The very political character of native violence made it difficult to think of it as an impulse to genocide. Because it was derivative of settler violence, the natives' violence appeared less of an outright aggression and more a self-defense in the face of continuing aggression. Faced with the violent denial of his humanity by the settler, the native's violence began as a counter to violence. It even seemed more like the affirmation of the native's humanity than the brutal extinction of life that it came to be. When the native killed the settler, it was violence by yesterday's victims. More of a culmination of anticolonial resistance than a direct assault on life and freedom, this violence of victims-turned-perpetrators always provoked a greater moral ambiguity than did the settlers' violence.



***Mahmood Mamdani's book,* When Victims Become Killers**

More than any other, two political theorists, Hannah Arendt and Frantz Fanon, have tried to think through these twin horrors of colonialism. We shall later see that when Hannah Arendt set out to understand the Nazi Holocaust, she put it in the context of a history of one kind of genocide: the settlers' genocide of the native. When Frantz Fanon came face-to-face with native violence, he understood its logic as that of an eye for an eye, a response to a prior violence, and not an invitation to fresh violence. It was for Fanon the violence to end violence, more like a utopian wish to close the chapter on colonial violence in the hope of heralding a new humanism.

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The Place of *Heimat*

***Bernhard Schlink** is professor of law at Berlin's Humbolt University and a judge at the Constitutional Court in Northrhine Westphalia. An authority on German constitutional law, he has written the leading textbook on fundamental rights under the German constitution, taught European law at New York's Cardozo School of Law, and lectured widely. He is also a best-selling author, notably of* Der Vorleser (The Reader), *a novel about a postwar German youth coming to terms with the Holocaust, which has been translated into 29 languages. Schlink spent 2000-01 as a Director's Fellow at the New York Public Library's Center for Scholars and Writers. In this excerpt from "The Place of* Heimat,*" delivered at Deutsches Haus on April 17, 2001, Schlink discussed the experience of exile and* Heimat *(home or homeland) in the modern world.*

Again and again I meet Germans from the former East Germany who tell me they feel as if they are in exile, although they are where they always were, live where they always lived, and work, quite possibly, in the same factory, office, school or newspaper where they worked before 1989. Everything, they say, has changed and become foreign to them. It is not just that things have changed, but that things have been changed by others, without their help and against their will. Things have been made foreign by others. That is why they say they live in exile — in this foreign place where they live according to laws that they did not make, laws whose interpretation and enforcement they themselves do not determine.

Members of minority groups in the U.S. as well speak the same way. They feel as if they are in exile among the majority with which they live. There are women who feel exiled because they experience their society as created and dominated by men. There are older people who feel this way, too, in a society that worships youth and its beauty, its culture and its consumption.

In each case, from the Germans in the new federal states to the senior citizens in our youth society, I can understand this feeling and why it is associated with the concept of exile. And yet the association is peculiar. The concept of exile is actually and originally the antithesis to a *Heimat*, a home or homeland, which one had to leave behind. One is expelled from this *Heimat*, either by force or necessity; it lies somewhere beyond

some border; one longs for it, and one returns there when circumstances permit, when the political repression, or the famine, or the fury of the plague ends. The foreign law under which one lives in exile is foremost the law of a foreign language. Writers have repeatedly described and lamented the severity of this law. Czeslaw Milosz says of the writer in exile, "[In the country he comes from] he was aware of his task and people were waiting for his words, but he was forbidden to speak. Now where he lives he is free to speak, but nobody listens and, moreover, he forgot what he had to say." Joseph Brodsky says similarly, "To be an exiled writer is like being a dog… hurtled into outer space in a capsule.… Your capsule is your language [and] before long [you] discover that the capsule gravitates not earthward but outward in space."

Of course, there are positive descriptions of exile, including many about what exile means for the writer. Milosz asks whether this condition of legitimized alienation is not in fact a privileged kind in comparison with the alienation that every writer suffers in his or her own society. Brodsky describes not only the terror, but also the possibility of freedom in exile. And Marina Zwetajewa suggests that writers, "far-sighted by the very nature of their craft," are able to see their homeland more clearly from the distance of exile. The crucial element, then, for the original and actual concept of exile is not a negative or a positive connotation — there are both. Rather, the crucial element of exile is its correspondence to a notion of *Heimat*, a homeland in which one was once at home and in which one would be at home again, if one could be, and to which one would return if circumstances permitted.

Where is this *Heimat* for the Germans who originally come from the new eastern states and yet who feel exiled in these new states? Beyond what border is their *Heimat*? Beyond what border is *Heimat* for the minority that lives among a majority, a majority among whom it has always lived and yet among whom it feels exiled? Out of which society have women been expelled to live among this patriarchal society, or senior citizens among the society of youth? In which society does one speak the language of women or the language of age, languages which are not understood in these patriarchal or youthful societies?

What foolish questions, you might be thinking. Exile is a metaphor, and the question — where is the *Heimat* that corresponds to exile? — is as equally mistaken as when one would ask who the father is with whom philosophy, the mother of all sciences, bears her children. Exile is life in a foreign place, a life not determined by oneself, but by others. It is an estranged life. Exile is a metaphor for this experience of estrangement or alienation; it is so existential and universal that it needs no place, and certainly no *Heimat* as its opposite place.

In fact, in discussions today about exile and the suffering of exile, one finds expressions that were always used to describe Marxist or Existentialist experiences of alienation. From the early Karl Marx of the economic-philosophic manuscripts to the late Jean-Paul Sartre, it has been axiomatic that the relation of the oppressed class, or the oppressed gender or oppressed peoples to their own activity is "a relation to one's own activity as if to a foreign activity," just as their relation to the external world is "a relation to the external world as if to a foreign world." In Marx's words, relations have "mercilessly ruptured human bonds, even those between workers and their colleagues, and have left no remaining bond between two human beings except naked self-interest, except pure, unfeeling payment." A German from the new states could well describe the changes in his professional life today with these words.

Exile is a metaphor for the experience of alienation.

Yes, exile is a metaphor for the experience of alienation. But that doesn't answer the question about a *Heimat* that corresponds to exile. Why has the experience of alienation at the end of the last century rediscovered a metaphor that refers to places — explicitly to the place of exile where the experience is won and implicitly to the place where one would not be in exile, but at home? The Marxist and Existentialist experience of alienation lacked precisely this reference to place; it was the experience of placelessness. The proletariat does not have a place in bourgeois society, and does not need one in communist society. According to Marx and Engels, the proletariat is the class in whose particularity as a class the universality of humanity is imbedded, beyond nations, borders and places. And from Søren Kierkegaard to Sartre, Existentialist experience is one of "exsistere," the stepping out from all given contexts, orders and locations of Being, the experience of a placeless singularity and solitude before God or nothingness. Marxist and Existentialist experiences converge in the recognition that the place promised by *Heimat*, bourgeois society, nation, family, marriage, church or other cultural institutions is simply an illusion. Shaped by these experiences, in the last century, but especially after the Second World War, placelessness has been *the* defining intellectual experience.

Bernhard Schlink (right) delivered "The Place of* Heimat*" in English based on a translation by Andrew Piper, a graduate student in Germanic languages.
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Obituaries

Mortimer Adler '23

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1923

Mortimer Adler, educator and philosopher, San Mateo, Calif., on June 28, 2001. The son of an immigrant jewelry salesman and a former schoolteacher, Adler dropped out of DeWitt Clinton High School in the Bronx at 14 to work as a copy boy for *The New York Sun*. A few years later, hoping for a career in journalism, Adler enrolled in extension courses at Columbia in an effort to improve his writing. Adler became so impressed from reading Plato that he set out on his philosophical career; one of Adler's extension professors was so impressed with Adler that he found a scholarship to the College for him. Adler completed his studies in three years, but was denied his bachelor's degree because he had refused to attend gym class and didn't take the swim test. Nevertheless, Adler was immediately accepted into the Graduate School and appointed an instructor in psychology; he earned his Ph.D. in 1928. Adler taught at Columbia (as well as at City College and the People's Institute) until 1930, when he accepted an invitation from President Robert Hutchins to teach at the University of Chicago. Together, Adler and Hutchins revised Chicago's undergraduate curriculum, developing a core curriculum that focused on the humanities and reading great books. He became a full professor of the philosophy of law (a position created especially for him) in 1942. Four years later, Adler and Hutchins instituted the Great Books program, inviting members of the community to meet and discuss classic works. The two persuaded the *Encylopaedia Britannica* to reprint a 54-volume set of great books, with Adler overseeing the project and the now-famous *Synopticon*, an index of 102 "great ideas" contained in the books. In 1952, Adler resigned his professorship at Chicago to found the Institute for Philosophical Research, which was devoted to the study of Western thought and produced books such as the two-volume *Idea of Freedom* (1958, 1961). Meanwhile, Adler joined the Board of Directors of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* in 1947 and became director of planning and chairman of the editorial executive committee. He was the force behind the first major revision of the encyclopedia in over 200 years, published in 1974 as *The New Encyclopaedia Britannica*. In 1979, the Institute for Philosophical Research, under Adler's leadership, launched the Paideia Project (the name comes from a classical Greek word for education), which advocated for the reintroduction of great books and the Socratic method in the public schools. Adler also taught at St. John's College in Annapolis, where he helped the school develop its signature great books curriculum, and at the University of North Carolina. A prolific author and editor, Adler wrote or co-wrote nearly 40 books — including *How to Read a Book: The Art of Getting a Liberal Education* (1940), which he revised with Charles Van Doren in 1972, *Aristotle for Everybody* (1978), and *Ten Philosophical Mistakes* (1985) — and edited many more. He was the recipient of 10 honorary degrees. The College waived the physical education requirement and granted him the bachelor's degree in 1983, the same year DeWitt Clinton H.S. granted him a diploma. Adler is survived by four sons, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Editor's note: A fuller appreciation of Adler's career and accomplishments will appear in an upcoming Columbia College Today.

1924

J. Kelly Johnson, retired engineer, Liverpool, England, on May 13, 2001. Johnson, who studied at Penn before arriving at the College, also earned B.S. (1925) and electrical engineering (1927) degrees from the Engineering School, where he taught from 1927-29. He then embarked on a professional career at a number of firms, including Silver Marshall, Wells Gardner and the Hazeltine Corp. During World War II, Johnson rose to the rank of captain in the U.S. Navy. After the war, he returned to civilian engineering, working as chief engineer at Hammarlund Manufacturing Corp. and as a consulting electrical engineer. After his retirement, Johnson moved to Liverpool, England, though he regularly returned to Vermont for summer vacations. Johnson's first wife, Denise Louise, who he married in 1929, predeceased him. He is survived by his second wife, the former Gillian Banks, who he married in 1981, and by five children from his first marriage.

1928

David Cowen, retired professor and physician, New York, on March 5, 2001. A New York native, Cowen received his medical degree from P&S in 1932. He became a professor of neuropathology at P&S and an attending neuropathologist at Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital. He was also associated with Lenox Hill Hospital in Manhattan and the New Jersey Veterans Hospital. An international authority on neuropathology, Cowen published over 70 papers during his 50-year career. He served as president of the American Association of Neuropathologists, receiving a 1979 award for his dedication and contributions to neuropathology. Cowen retired in the 1980s. He is survived by a nephew and seven grandnephews and nieces.

1930

William J. Williams, Vero Beach, Fla., on March 29, 2001.

1931

Richard P. Rissman, retired, Lorain, Ohio, December 24, 2000.

1933

Martin Roeder, retired attorney, New York, on August 3, 2000. Roeder, who had received a diploma from the Sorbonne in 1932, earned his law degree from Columbia in 1935. He worked with the firm of Saterlee & Green, and then served as counsel to the War Production Board from 1942-44. At war's end, he rejoined Saterlee as a partner, but left in 1948 to found the firm of Sher & Roeder. In 1960, he joined Guggenheimer & Untermyer, where he became responsible for tax matters as well as a substantial portion of the firm's work in trusts and wills. He was managing partner and chairman of the firm's executive committee before assuming "of counsel" status in 1984. Roeder wrote extensively on various tax subjects and served on tax committees of the American Bar Association, as well as bar associations of New York State, New York City and New York County. He was a member of the NYC Bar Surrogates' Court Committee and the NYU Advisory Committee of the Institute on Federal Taxation, a former trustee of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies and a member of the boards of the Associated YM-YWHAs of Greater New York, Emanu-El Midtown YM-YWHA and the Jewish Repertory Theater. Roeder is survived by his wife of 61 years, Dorothy, three children and five grandchildren.

1937

John James Mariano, retired dentist, Naugatuck, Conn., on March 7, 2001.

1947

Warren H. Westphal, mining geologist, Denver, on February 12, 2001. Westphal was a mining geologist for most of his life, with occasional forays into seismology and geophysics. In the 1950s and early 1960s, he worked at a series of mining and research companies, including Tidewater Oil, New Jersey Zinc, Utah Construction & Mining in Salt Lake City, where he was chief geologist, Stanford Research Institute in Menlo Park, Calif., where he was senior geophysicist, and Intercontinental Energy Corp in Englewood, Colo., where he was vice president for production. He later founded his own company, Tellis Gold Mining, in Englewood, Colo., among other ventures. Westphal was a pioneer in the *in-situ* mining of coal, uranium and gold and described himself a "hard rock" geologist until his retirement in the late 1980s. He is survived by his wife, Rosalie, two daughters, one son and five grandchildren.

1949

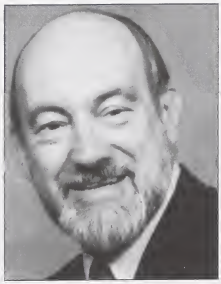
Louis Joseph Kusserow, former football player and television executive, Rancho Mirage, Calif., on June 30, 2001. One of the most gifted football players in Colum-

Lou Kusserow '49

bia history and a prime architect of Columbia's spectacular upset of Army in 1947, Kusserow, 73, played professional football before embarking on a successful career as a television producer for NBC. Lou Kusserow was born in Braddock, Pa., near Pittsburgh, and raised in Glassport, Pa. As a freshman at Columbia he scored 15 touchdowns. In Coach Lou Little's winged-T offense, Kusserow played left halfback, but moved to fullback after an injury during the 1947 season. He also played full-time on defense, usually at safety. Kusserow, a first-team All-America, still holds Columbia records for season points (108), season touchdowns (18), career points (270) and career touchdowns (45) as well as a one-game defensive record of four interceptions. His 52-year-old record for career rushing yards (1,992) was broken in 2000 by Jonathan Reese '02. Among Kusserow's most enduring accomplishments is leading the nation with 193 all-purpose yards per game in 1948, the year he led all major-college players with 108 points and scored at least one touchdown in every game. Kusserow is perhaps best remembered for his outstanding performance against Army on October 25, 1947, at Baker Field, when Columbia pulled one of the most stunning upsets in college football history. Army had not lost a game in four years (32 wins, two ties), and until Kusserow's five-yard touchdown run in the second quarter, no one had even scored against Army that season. Despite missing a fourth-quarter extra point, Army held a comfortable 20-7 lead late in the game, but a spectacular diving catch by Bill Swiacki '48 pulled the Lions within a touchdown. Minutes later, following another Swiacki reception, Kusserow battered through Army's line for his second touchdown of the day. The extra point gave the Lions a 21-20 lead, and Kusserow cemented the victory by intercepting a pass at midfield during Army's final possession of the game. Allison Danzig, a sports writer at *The New York Times*, nicknamed Kusserow and teammate Gene Rossides '49 the "Goal Dust Twins," a counter to Army's "Touchdown Twins" of Doc Blanchard and Glenn Davis. After graduation, Kusserow played 11 games for the New York Yankees of the All-American Football Conference and 11 games for the New York Yanks of the National Football League. He served in the military for two years, then played four years for the Hamilton Tiger Cats of the Canadian Football League, earning all-star recognition each year and leading the team to the Grey Cup championship. Kusserow retired from football in 1957 and went to work for NBC as a business manager; he became a producer when the network told him that doing so would double his salary. His television credits included six World Series, five Super Bowls (including the first one), 15 years of professional golf coverage and 12 years of baseball's "Game of the Week." He claimed two innovations in televised sports: multicolored sand traps for golf (which lasted only one telecast) and fixed timeouts during games (which exist to this day). By the time he retired from NBC in 1972, Kusserow had won three Emmys. After leaving NBC, Kusserow managed country clubs in the area of Palm Springs, Calif. Columbia honored Kusserow with the Half-Century Award in 1990. In 1999, a panel of judges named him among the 10 greatest Columbia athletes of the 20th century, and he was selected to the Lions' "Team of the Century" in the fall of 2000. He is survived by a brother, two sons, two daughters, and five grandchildren.

1950

David Gerard Iliff, retired journalist, Indianapolis on March 30, 2001. A New York native, Iliff attended Trinity School in the city before matriculating at the College, where he was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. He attended law school at Indiana for one year before being recruit-



David Gerard Iliff '50

ed by the Central Intelligence Agency, where he worked from 1951-58, with assignments in New York, Pennsylvania, Indiana and Texas. In 1958, Iliff moved to Chesterfield, Ind., and founded the weekly *Yorktown Adventure*; he sold the paper five years later and joined *The Muncie Star*, where he worked until 1978. He also served as an adjunct professor of journalism at Ball State University for 13 years. In 1978, Iliff moved to Tucson, where he became editor of three newspapers: *The Arizona Territorial*, *The Green Valley News*, and *The Daily Reporter*, a local legal newspaper. He also worked for two years as a copy editor for the *Arizona Daily Star*. He retired in 1989 and returned with his family to Indiana, where he wrote three short books on events in Indiana history connected to his family: *The Lost Tribe of Ben Hur*, *Post Adjutant at Fort Davis* and *The Yorktown Adventure*. Iliff was a member of St. Monica Catholic Parish, the Indiana Historical Society, the Montgomery County Historical Society, Friends of Holliday Park, The Nature Conservancy, The Crown Hill Society and St. Vincent Hospice. He was named "Volunteer of the Year" by The Nature Conservancy in 1993. Iliff is survived by his wife, Ruth, three sons, seven daughters and 10 grandchildren. The family asks that memorials be made to The Nature Conservancy, Indiana Chapter, 1330 West 38th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46208.

1951

Wendell R. Sylvester, physician, Purcell, Okla., in January 2001.

1962

Alfred D. Delutis, computer consultant, Ormond Beach, Fla., on July 24, 1999. A native of Attleboro, Mass., Delutis served in the U.S. Marine Corps (1956-58) before entering the College, where he played varsity football. After college, Delutis worked at the Providence office of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York and for the Service Bureau Corporation in Boston. In the late 1960s, Delutis moved to Texas, where he became the owner and president of Management Control Systems, a successful computer consulting company. After residing in Dallas for more than 30 years, Delutis relocated to Ormond Beach in 1998. He is survived by Carol, his wife of 40 years, as well as two children and two grandchildren. The family requests that donations be made to the Alfred D. Delutis Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Attleboro High School, 100 Rathbun Willard Drive, Attleboro, MA 02703, Attn. Office of Graduate Opportunities.

1978

Daniel A. Pfeffer, physician, Brooklyn, N.Y., on March 30, 1991.

1997

Randolph Murff, air force pilot, Kunsan AFB, South Korea, on June 12, 2001. Randy Murff was raised in Bellaire, Texas, and graduated from the College with a degree in history. An outstanding offensive lineman who was co-captain of the Lions' football team that posted an 8-2 record in 1996, Murff received his commission upon graduation from the Air Force's Officer Training School in June 1998, and then was sent for pilot training at Laughlin AFB, Texas. Murff (who acquired the nickname "Chongo") excelled at Laughlin, and he was awarded his wings in July 1999. He was then assigned to Luke AFB in Arizona for additional F-16 fighter training. Graduating as a mission capable fighter pilot in July 2000, Murff was assigned to the 35th Fighter Squadron of the 8th Fighter Wing at Kunsan Air Base in South Korea, where he was an F-16 fighter pilot and a standardization and evaluation officer. According to the Air Force, "Murff's exceptional flying skills in air-to-ground and air-to-air weapons employment directly contributed to the 8th Fighter Wing's overall 'excellent' rating" during an initial response and combat readiness inspection in March 2001. As standardization and evaluations officer, Murff was responsible for ensuring that squadron pilots successfully completed annual testing, flying and emergency procedure evaluations.

Editor's note: A tribute to Murff appears on page 30 of this issue.

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Told he was too big for the cockpit, Randy Murff shed 100 pounds so he could fulfill his dream of flying an F-16.

Randy Murff '97

Determined Dreamer, Passionate Flier

Randy Murff '97 met and fell in love with Courtney A. Kjos, Barnard '99, while both were serving in the military in South Korea — halfway around the world from Morningside Heights. Although Murff never formally proposed to Kjos, an engagement ring was presented to her by one of his closest friends shortly after Murff was killed in a flying accident on June 12. Murff had purchased the ring three weeks earlier in the United States and was going to propose to Kjos in Hawaii during a trip the couple had planned to take in October.

By Courtney A. Kjos, Barnard '99

When I first met Randy Murff, it was in a bar in Seoul, South Korea. He was sitting in a high-backed chair at a low table and I noticed immediately how broad and muscular his shoulders were. I thought that they would be so nice to curl up in. I was so right.

Randy was stationed at Kunsan Air Base, on the west side of the South Korean peninsula. He was an F-16 fighter pilot with the 35th Fighter Squadron — impressive, but he didn't try to charm me with *Top Gun* stories. Instead, he let me know where he went to college: Columbia. I was amazed. A First Lieutenant in the United States Army myself, I realized that I had found possibly the only other young military officer in Korea who had gone to school on Morningside Heights. We spent the rest of the evening comparing stories about our college years. We laughed because almost all of our friends were doctors, lawyers, bankers and consultants from Long Island. We mourned the loss of Ferris Booth and wondered about the never-explored Lerner Hall. As the night closed, I took another long stare into his large, round, star-studded blue eyes and fell in love with him. Right there.

On the evening of June 12, at 9:35 p.m., Randy Murff's F-16 crashed into a rice paddy during a routine night training mission, and he was killed instantly. He was 26 years old. Yet in that short time, he accomplished more, dreamed more, and lived more than many people do their entire lives. He followed a simple principle that is oft forgotten in a world that places high value on money and prestige; he simply did what he truly wanted to do.

In his 26 years, Randy Murff had achieved success in almost everything he tried. He was an outstanding student, athlete and pilot.

Randy is still remembered on the fields of Bellaire (Texas) High School. His decision to play football was made his freshman year, a late start for the average American player, who

normally begins in elementary school, especially in a football-crazy state like Texas. However, when Randy, weighing over 200 pounds, approached the coach to express his interest in taking up the sport, he was not met with resistance. You can never have too many big linemen, the coach probably thought to himself.

Yet Randy had more than size on his side. He also had athletic talent that quickly became apparent. He was voted first team All-District, and to the Houston Independent School District All-Academic Team as well. By his senior year, he was co-captain of the football team, offensive MVP and Male Athlete of the Year. He also lettered in baseball and track, all while posting grades that earned him a place on the school's honor roll.

Numerous prestigious universities recruited Randy, and he chose Columbia over Princeton and Cornell, among others. At Columbia, he achieved the same success he had enjoyed in high school. Gracing program covers with gritted teeth and menacing, outstretched arms, No. 68 was a huge offensive lineman — literally. He grew to 6-2, 315 pounds, but despite the robust belly, Randy was a strong, fit powerhouse on the field. "Big Randy," as he would later call his football self, lettered all four years at Columbia, twice made the All-Ivy Second Team and was named to Columbia's "Team of the '90s." As co-captain his senior year, he stood shoulder-to-shoulder with such as Marcellus Wiley '97, who now stars for the NFL's San Diego Chargers, and helped the Lions to an 8-2 record, their best mark since 1945.

Randy Murff and Courtney Kjos pose in dress mess at the St. Barbara's Day Ball while in Korea. St. Barbara is the patron saint of air defense.

Randy loved football; he felt a strong loyalty to the team. Yet if he had been offered an NFL contract, he would have turned it down because he wanted to fly. Every night he would force his roommate to watch *Wings* on the Discovery channel. Although a Dean's List student, he studied flying far more than he read history. He followed his ambition right to the Air Force recruiter's office, where he was shown a fighter plane. But the recruiter was brutally honest with the would-be pilot; he told "Big Randy" that he simply wouldn't fit in the cockpit.

Most people would give up, go home, reopen those history books and change plans. Not Randy. He embarked on a weight-loss program that consisted of running and eating one Mama Joy's deli sandwich a day. He felt so drained from the toll on his body that he slept away every afternoon. But it produced results — in nine months he dropped 100 pounds.

He weighed 210 when he graduated from Officer Training School in June 1998, a year after his college graduation, still in pursuit of his dream. Randy had a true, heartfelt passion for flying F-16 fighter jets, and he was not about to be denied. He displayed the kind of ambition and drive that made even hard-working fellow Columbians take notice. "He loved flying and he went after it hard," said Gary Kahn '97, his roommate and teammate. "I have never seen that type of determination from anyone in my life. He was the 5-year-old who wanted to be an astronaut or a fighter pilot and refused to let his childhood dream die. How many of us get herded into the jobs that we figured we were supposed to take and didn't follow our dreams?"

Not Randy. He was awarded his wings in July 1999 after graduating from Undergraduate Pilots Training at Laughlin Air Force Base in Texas. One year later, in July 2000, Lieutenant Murff graduated as a mission-capable fighter pilot from follow-on fighter training at Luke AFB in Arizona. He was then assigned to the 35th Fighter Squadron at Kunsan AB, Republic of Korea.

Randy was an exceptional fighter pilot with a particular skill for air-to-air missions. He was one of his squadron's best, logging over 250 flying hours and being chosen for special schools and missions. He transported jets from Korea to Moody AFB in Georgia. He conducted over 10 sorties within certain strategic areas that resulted in him being awarded the Aerial Achievement Award. He was chosen to attend Fighter Electronic Combat Officer Course (FECOC) at Nellis AFB, Nevada, and was chosen as Electronic Combat Pilot for the 8th Fighter Wing, a position that normally is given to a major. As Wing ECP, he would have been the Wing expert and trainer on radar and radar warning gear.

He loved going to work every day. He would call me every evening between 9:30 and 10:30 p.m., and the wonder and excitement on the other end of the phone was like a child's. "I flew today," he would say. "I felt just like I was in *Star Wars*!"

No words can recreate Randy Murff. He lived every moment of his life exactly as he wanted. He flew with desire, energy and sheer excitement; he loved with abandon, devotion and pure adoration. He valued his friends and celebrated his friendships with bravado and a wild spirit. He never missed a moment to tell someone close to him what he or she meant to him. It didn't take me long to realize that I hadn't been alone when I fell in love that night in Seoul. He had fallen in love with me as well. Right there. And he never let a breath slip through his lips without telling me.

Alumni Return to Enjoy Campus, NYC at Reunion

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Approximately 600 members of classes ending in 1 and 6, along with spouses, children and friends, attended Reunion 2001 on May 31-June 3 at the Morningside Heights campus and at locations around New York City. That's up from about 400 alumni at recent reunions.

Some events, like the "Taste of New York" dinner on Friday night, the museum tours and talks by notables such as Professor Ken Jackson, were designed to appeal to all age groups, while others were slated with specific audiences in mind. For example, on Thursday night alumni had the chance to attend one of three Broadway musicals followed by cocktails at Sardi's, or a "Bare and Whine Blast" at Idlewild in Greenwich Village. One event that proved highly successful was the Young Alumni Dance Party on Friday night at the Hammerstein Ballroom in midtown, which was opened to all College, Barnard and SEAS alumni who graduated between 1991 and 2001 and attracted nearly 1,000 who danced till the wee hours. Following Saturday's traditional class dinners, there was more dancing at the Starlight Reception, which was moved inside Low Rotunda from the Plaza due to threatening skies that failed to dampen any spirits.

Reunion 2002, for classes ending in 2 and 7, is scheduled for May 30-June 2, 2002, so alumni from those classes should save those dates and expect to receive more information shortly. If you would like to help in planning your class's reunion program, please call the Alumni Office at (212) 870-2288. *A.S.*

Reunion 2001 gave alumni of all ages a chance to catch up with their classmates at dinners and other festive meals, attending Broadway shows, dancing the night away, listening to speakers such as Professor Ken Jackson (above left) or just strolling the campus.

Class Notes

1931 Reunion Class photo

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Columbia College Today is sad to report that **J. Kelly Johnson '24** died on May 13. An obituary appears in a future issue. *CCT* thanks **John Balet '25** for letting us know about Johnson's passing. John, who recently turned 96, has no news of himself to report, other than that he "continues living."

Five members of the Class of 1931, and two spouses, returned to Morningside Heights for their 70th reunion. Pictured (from left to right) are Rose and **Paul Chu, Ralph E. Marson, August Gold** with his wife, Lillian, and **Fred Farwell.** Columbia professor **Eli Ginzberg** also attended reunion, but missed the photo. One highlight of the weekend was the class luncheon on Saturday, June 2, with members of the Class of 1936, in Lerner Hall. George Sansom Professor of History Carol Gluck addressed both classes at the lunch, which Dean Austin Quigley also attended.

Although the luncheon was the class's main reunion event, the alumni also participated in other reunion activities over the long weekend, with Rose and **Paul Chu** outdoing most reunion-goers — of any age! The couple, who had traveled all the way from Honolulu, took in a Broadway show on Thursday night (and attended the reception at Sardi's afterwards), enjoyed Friday night's "Taste of New York" event in the Hammerstein Ballroom on West 34th Street, were spotted leaving the Starlight Reception at about 1:00 a.m. on Sunday morning, and still made it to Sunday morning breakfast! **Fred Farwell** was also a great trooper, attending events from Friday's night's dinner, where he was spotted talking with Dean Quigley, to the Sunday breakfast.

Arthur Seligman '33 sent along the sad news that classmate **Martin Roeder '33**, who graduated from the Law School in 1935 and practiced tax law in New York for over a half-century, passed away on August 3, 2000. An obituary appears in this issue.

As for Arthur, he attended Cornell Medical School, practiced medicine in New York City for many years, and is now retired and living in the Sutton Place section of Manhattan. *CCT* sends its congratulations on his 89th birthday, which Arthur celebrated on June 17.

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Twelve hardy and enthusiastic members of our class turned out on campus on June 2 on the exact anniversary of our graduation in 1936, a time somewhat bleak and uncertain, to celebrate our 65th reunion.

Class members who were present were **Solomon Fisher, Irwin Grossman, Andrew Khinoy, Herbert Meyer, James Morgenthal, Seymour Nadler, Sebastian Porrello, Edwin Rickert, Arnold Saltzman, Carl Schorske, Seymour Sindeband** and **Bill Sitterley.** Five wives also were present.

The first order of business was the election of **Arnold Saltzman** as President of the Class of 1936 by acclamation. He replaces **Herb MacIntosh,** who died January 1, 2000.

Ed Rickert and **Arnold Saltzman** were awarded Dean's Pins in recognition of their service in planning the reunion. It was interesting to note that 10 men and five wives had attended our 60th reunion in 1996, showing an increase of two members this year.

The class members were present for Dean Austin Quigley's address and then a class luncheon held in one of the private dining rooms in Lerner Hall attended also by the Class of 1931. Professor Carol Cluck of the History Department addressed the two classes, discussing changing perspectives on history over the years.

Your correspondent is grateful to **Ed Rickert** for passing on the substance of the news in this report. I'm sorry to not have been present.

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Anton Doblmaier, who probably had the highest grade average in our class, retired in 1985 from Bellcore, the smart nephew in the Bell Telephone family. In later years, he did a lot of computer hardware and softwear design. He and his wife, Vivian, have three children and four grandchildren. His eldest, Jane, got a law degree at Columbia. "A year ago," Anton writes, "I was diagnosed with lymphoma. Chemotherapy has brought it under control but now it seems to rear its ugly head again."

Harry Friedman was business manager of *Jester* in our senior year. (Things I never knew till now: *Jester* was the only John Jay 4th floor publication that made money.) He now does a lot of indoor and outdoor gardening at his home in Brewster, N.Y., where he has a greenhouse. "Our three children and four grandchildren are spread over the country. Our oldest, Carol Moore, is serving in the New Hampshire state legislature. Our son, Rick, took over the family business, specialty advertising, and is now retired in California."

George Hoyns, ex-realtor, and his wife, Gloria, are retired in "sunny Cape May, New Jersey — after traveling, it seems forever." **Simeon Hutner**, Middlebury, Vt., is still active in his firm, which has just become part of H.G. Wellington & Co., 40 Hemlock Drive, Kings Point, NY 11024. Together, they handle "personal asset management for high net worth individuals." **Winston Hart**, ex-Chase Manhattan Bank, is long retired, to Fort Myers, Fla.

Is there a gene for jazz appreciation? **Wally Schaap**, an old enthusiast, has a son, Phil, who has become a historic part of the Columbia jazz scene. For 30 years he's been preaching, daily, the gospel of jazz on Columbia's own radio station, WKCR. A long article in the City section of *The New York Times* (Sunday, May 29) described the jangling notes of Phil's "complex" relationship with Columbia, saying, "He is friends with many influential deans, professors and alumni and has distinguished himself as a Columbia man. Yet all the while he has worked on the fringes of the institution with no office, teaching only as an adjunct. Even at WKCR his status is unofficial… Mr. Schaap admits that he does little to ingratiate himself to academia. He avoids music department discussions and refuses to pursue any graduate degree… He seems unlikely to get official recognition that would come with an academic promotion." As Professor Robert E. Pollack '61, who used to be the College's dean, put it: "Columbia owes Phil Schaap a lot and I'd like to see them recognize his intellectual excellence and productivity, but you don't suddenly become a professor by living for 30 years in a student radio station." Stay tuned.

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John Leuchs responded to the comments about CCA1 and echoed my comments about the course. He recalled the first name of the instructor, Graham Lovejoy, and thought that he had gone on to Cambridge University in the U.K. for further study. He recalled also that Mr. Lovejoy would frequently end the class with, "Well, there it is. Make of it what you will."

He also remembered the clicking of **Eric Carlson**'s Braille device, and added **Bob Lockwood** to the meager list of remembered class members. John had been in the South Pacific, and he had an inspiring correspondence with Professor Casey (Caseyology) during the war.

"I'm always happy to reminisce about those wonderful days when we had the privilege of associating with senior faculty members (such as John Dunning) because of the University's policy of having its top professors teach College courses," he writes.

John McCormack recalls his fraternity brother **Jay Ehret**

Mahoney's visit with him in Dallas soon before Jay died. Jack passed on a clipping from the *New York Sun* dated June 8, 1943 that included a photo of Jay as he received a Silver Star from Rear Admiral Herbert F. Leary for saving men from a torpedoed merchant ship. Jay was a gun-crew officer aboard his ship. Unfortunately, an editorial error in the caption identified Jay as Jeremiah E. Mahoney, his father, who had just made an unsuccessful run for mayor of New York. We had no difficulty in recognizing him as Jay.

Jack's doings are now mostly routine. He and his wife did get to the national bridge tournament in Kansas City in March and weren't too unhappy when they finished second out of 110 pairs in a seniors game. It's games like that that keep them at the bridge table.

Economists are much in the news thanks to our volatile stock market. I am reminded of a planning meeting for our 50th reunion when **Al Sommers**, who had just retired from *The Conference Board* as chief economist, and **Bob Lewis**, who had just retired as vice president and business economist of Citibank, were discussing a thorny issue related to the reunion. Bob was a bit reluctant to stretch the truth. "Oh," said Somers, "you're an economist. Go ahead and tell them anything. They'll believe you."

1936 Reunion Class photo

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After a year of informal discussions since our 60th reunion, our '40 legacy planning committee is now in process of formation. Think of it as a follow to that reunion, and a unique opportunity for each of us, in his own way, to 'put it all together' personally, and for our class to step back in time, visualize ourselves and new-found friends as we were in that depression year of '36, and as we were on our graduation day, when Dean Hawkes apologized for the world his generation was leaving ours. That same day the British were evacuating their troops from Dunkirk, 18 months before Pearl Harbor. Then there were our War experiences, and our class's casualties, the heaviest of any College class. It's a chance to recall the extraordinary sweep of our personal experience — not to speak of human history! — over the intervening years to the new global Internet-enabled civilization we're building today. It's also a chance to think about our personal, class and generation's legacy — the theme of the reunion and of our current program-to-be: the kind of world we hope (or fear) we and our children are building for our grandchildren, and whether they are doomed to repeat — or worse — the bloody 20th century in the 21st.

In a recent, mainly positive critique of the film *13 Days* on the 1962 Cuban missile crisis, Robert McNamara, then secretary of defense, stated that it didn't fully portray how close we came to utter disaster, with 80 million American lives at stake. **Bob Ames**, who spent much of his career in the defense industry, just sent me some documentation of the basis for that assertion, including a meeting McNamara had in Cuba a few years ago with Fidel Castro as part of a major historical review. Bob and I have been touching on the theme ever since he commented to me, years ago, about reading newspapers during the summer of 1940: how unprepared he felt, despite his Columbia education, for the unfolding disasters in Europe.

John Ripandelli has been active and helpful on class-related matters, as readers of these notes know. He recently sent me a Great Courses set of tapes, "Must History Repeat the Great Conflicts of this Century?" by Joseph Nye, Dean of Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. Nye's closing: It is a mistake to use historical metaphors as a cause for complacency or despair. History does not repeat itself — our future is always in our own hands.

Hector Dowd continues his active law practice in estates, trust and tax law. As our class president at the time, his very attractive Fifth Avenue office, with a great view of the Plaza Hotel and Central Park, was the site of class planning meetings leading to our memorable 60th reunion. Hector is enthusiastically joining our class legacy planning committee, and has very kindly offered his office for meetings. Hector and Isabel are active vacation travelers — most recently to Mexico, earlier to London and southern France. They have a son, Hector, and a daughter, Isabel Christi, and five grandchildren.

Phil Thurston sent me a much appreciated thank you letter "for your ongoing work for the class of '40 Notes. As a 'subway student' who daily came out of the ground at 116th Street, I was then less in touch with the class than I am now with your notes." Twelve years ago Phil received emeritus status as Richard B. Chapman Professor of Business Administration from Harvard Business School. He recalled enjoying his experience chairing the business panel at our 50th reunion. Law, medicine and communications were the other panels. Nearly two dozen classmates served on them; each panel explored 50 years of change in its field, and the impact of those changes on the rest of us.

In making my telephone calling list in preparation for these notes, catching up with **Don Kursch** was high among my priorities. His wife Eleanor, Barnard '40, answered, and I was shocked to learn that Don had died on April 17. The oldest member of our class at 88, he was the first member of his family to go to college, tremendously appreciative of his Columbia education, and always committed to and active in our class. We will miss him. At our 50th reunion in 1990, he arranged for his son, Donald B., to fly back for a weekend from his post as U.S. Ambassador (acting) to Hungary, to give us a memorable, ringside view of the fall of the Berlin wall. Don's granddaughter, Catherine '95, spoke at our 55th in 1995, when we celebrated both the College's becoming co-ed, and the larger dimensions of the global move toward equality for women.

Robert Alexander and his wife, Joan, a Barnard grad, live in Piscataway, N.J. He continues with his teaching and writing as professor of economics, emeritus (since '89), at Rutgers. Bob's interest in the comparative development of economic systems has led him to a historical focus for his two current courses: the Evolution of Marxist-Leninist systems, and the History of the English Speaking West Indies. With 38 books to his credit, he is best known for his many studies of Latin American politics and development, and his work on aspects of Marxism. His most recent book, *Maoism in the Developed World*, is just being published; another with the same focus, but on developing countries, was published a couple of years ago.

Paul Marcus is a research staff member emeritus at IBM's Thomas Watson Research Center, where he continues his research. Paul joined IBM in the late '50s, and later spent two years as an IBM Fellow at the company's Zurich Research Lab. He describes his work as using first principles theory (including quantum mechanics) and computers for his research in condensed matter physics, exploring, for example, the behavior of the first few atomic layers of a metallic crystal. (In 1982 the IBM Zurich Lab created a new type of microscope, the scanning tunneling microscope, enabling the imaging of individual atoms. This proved to be a breakthrough technology, leading the way to the current very broad research hopes — not to speak of concerns — about the future of nanotechnologies.) Paul is married, lives in Briarcliff Manor, N.Y., and describes his outside interests as following politics and gardening.

Walter Beyer has been retired for 14 years, after 23 years at Philip Morris, including serving as director of sales administration. "It was a great company to work for," he says, adding that he "carries no brief for smoking!" Walter splits his year between homes in Tarrytown, N.Y. and Florida. Following a serious accident over a decade ago, he's pretty much house-bound. He has a son, at ATT, and an internist M.D. daughter. Walter was pleased to hear that **Paul Marcus** had asked about him in my earlier phone call to him. He recalled that both Paul and **Alvin Turken**, a Beverly Hills, Calif. orthopedic surgeon, were Stuyvesant High School classmates.

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Our 60th reunion took place at Arden House in Harriman, N.Y. on June 22-24. The event was so well attended that the available rooms

1941 Reunion Class photo

were oversubscribed, necessitating a few late registrants being housed at Arden Homestead, three miles to the south. A shuttle van was provided, however. Individual attendance varied between the entire weekend and a relatively brief visit on Saturday afternoon, depending upon needs or circumstances, and there were a few cancellations owing to sudden illness. Present were Helen Abdoo, Cathy and **Carlo Adams**, Mary Louise and **Hugh Barber**, **Jack Beaudouin**, **Norman Blackman**, **Joe Coffee**, **Ted de Bary**, Suzanne and **Bob Dettmer**, Ann and **Jim Dick**, **Ed Fischel**, Cynthia and **Arthur Friedman**, Frances Melamed with **Steve Fromer**, Muriel Goldberg, Ruth and **Stan Gotliffe**, Rhoda and **Dick Greenwald**, Ginette and **Leon Henkin**, Helen and **Arnold Hoffman**, Dorothy and **Chips Hughes**, Dorothy and **Dave Kagon**, Claire and **Sherwin Kaufman**, Reva and **Milton Kerker**, Joyce and **Dick Kuh**, Irene Leiwant, Helen and **Roy McArdle**, Barbara and **Robert Metsger**, Jean and **John Montgomery**, Alice and **Jack Mullins**, Judith Sagan, **Ross Sayers**, Lucille Shanus, Trold Onsberg with **Len Shayne**, **Gene Sosin**, Natalie Allisko with **John Steinke**, Clara and **Dick Wachtell**, Mabel and **N. T. Wang**, **Ed Weinberg**, Betty and **Arthur Weinstock**, Miriam and **Bernie Winkler**, **Bob Zucker**, Connie and **Semmes Clarke** and Janice and Henry Ozimek '38.

Owing to persistently rainy weather, a planned tennis tournament was cancelled. In between showers, a few hardy souls strolled the grounds. Others took advantage of the shuttle service to shop at nearby Woodbury Commons. The rest were able to socialize widely, renewing acquaintances, reminisce, even play bridge. Scheduled activities included a three-hour session on Saturday afternoon during which 20 classmates volunteered 5-10 minute descriptions of their current (or recently past) activities. Presentations were made in the following order: **Semmes Clarke**, **Gene Sosin**, **Bob Zucker**, **N. T. Wang**, **Dick Kuh**, **Milton Kerker**, **Sherwin Kaufman**, **Dave Kagon**, **Leon Henkin**, **Steve Fromer**, **Bernie Winkler**, **Jim Dick**, **Ted de Bary**, **Joe Coffee**, **Jack Beaudouin**, **Roy McArdle**, **Chips Hughes**, **Len Shayne**, **Ross Sayers** and **Arthur Frideman**. After Saturday dinner, **Jack Beaudouin** delivered his "After 60 Years" report, based upon the previously submitted class questionnaires. This was followed by a brief formal business meeting. Noteworthy during the weekend was the presence of a number of the widows and companions of departed classmates. We greatly enjoyed their company and thank them for their interest in coming. Also to be thanked is **Ross Sayers**, whose piano playing enhanced not only the after-dinner periods, but also the cocktail hours.

Finally, it is the sad duty of this column to note the passing of our dear classmate **Saul Haskel** on June 7, 2001. Saul was a former Class President, officiating over 50th reunion, and was the chief organizer for the 60th. Active in both class and community affairs, he is mourned and will be sorely missed. Our sympathies go out to Lavita, and to his children and grandchildren.

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My call to classmates for ideas for our next big reunion has had results. **Dick Davies**, **Fred Kiachif**, and **Paul Hauck** offered their services, joining **Sandy Black**, who checked in earlier. We're going to need more of you, especially to work the phones as the date approaches.

The issue of reunion set the agenda at our most recent class lunch. The group present, smaller than usual because of timing, included **Manny Lichtenstein**, **Dave Harrison**, **Seymour Halpern**, **Nick DeVito**, **Vic Zaro** and me. You will be brought up to date in the newsletter.

I have spoken to or heard from **Don Seligman**, **Jim Sondheim**, **Art Graham**, **Art Albohn**, **Bill Carey**, **Bernie Small** and **Sid Silverman**. We discussed class matters, and all plan to attend next spring's reunion.

The Barnard Class of 1945 recently had a mini-reunion. **Dave Harrison**, **Charlie West** and I attended with our wives (Shirley Harrison is a member of the Barnard Class of 1944). We had a fine meeting and talk over a good lunch.

Paul Moriarty and **Don Dickinson** recently traveled to New England from their homes in California and Nevada to visit family, seek out old haunts and touch base with old friends. They succeeded on all counts. Don met **Mel Hershkowitz** in Providence; later Don, Paul and **Jerry Klingon** visited **Jack Arbolino** in Harrington Park. I'm sorry I was not able to join them, but I spoke to all. Their meeting was great and was a tonic to Jack, who had suffered the loss of his wife. They all plan to be back together next spring.

Bill Carey is proud of his three grandchildren who are at Columbia this year. They join **Ed Kalaidjian**'s granddaughter, a sophomore; my grandson, now a senior; and **Gerry Green**'s granddaughter, a first-year. If there are more, let me know.

Once again, we have to note losses of old friends. **Aldo Daniele**, loyal '42er and supplier of vintage wines at all of our gatherings, died last spring, as did Rabbi **Bernard Mandelbaum**, former president of the Jewish Theological Seminary. We also lost a friend with the sudden passing of **Jack Arbolino**'s wife, Eileen. Several of us attended a memorial service for her.

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From out of the blue came a letter from **Reg Thayer** of Palisades, N.Y. "I have fond memories of the times we spent at Columbia, Delta Phi and the crew. I left in Dec. '41 to become an aviation cadet, later returned to be graduated in '47. Married Dossie Eilers, have two daughters and twin grandchildren. Retired in 1986 and stopped skiing this year. Have lunch with **Jim Common** and John Grunow '42 every few weeks. We talk about how incorrigible you were — you will remember that at Columbia I spent most of my time reading the Bible or meditating in the chapel. I understand there was a popular bar near the campus called the West End (or Wet End), but don't recall ever going there! My grandson is in his junior year at Columbia, rowing lightweight varsity a year ago. Ran into Gordon Wood '44 at a Columbia football game — he lives in New England."

Ralph Timm only occasionally gets to New York since moving to Longboat Key, Fla. five years ago. "Haven't seen you since you returned from that expedition to Antarctica in 1948," he writes. "We went to a welcome home party at a parsonage in Yorktown Heights, N.Y. I don't really remember much more about that night — maybe I don't want to!" Ralph was with McGraw-Hill in St. Louis where he used to pal around with Dr. **Harry Loree**, who later practiced general surgery in Portales, N.M. About that time, Ralph got a call from Nonnie Eilers, Barnard '43, who said there was a job open on *Mademoiselle*. He pitched for it and began a 54-year career in the fashion magazine publishing business at *Mademoiselle*, *Vogue*, *Glamour* and *House and Gardens*, where he was director of international marketing until retirement almost 20 years ago.

Incidentally, Nonnie's father was Columbia '15, as was my father, Arthur Henne '15.

Via **Connie Maniatty**, who's still with Salomon Smith Barney of New York, we have heard from **Bill Webb** in Louisville, Ky., and that **Bill Loweth** sends his best.

William J. Uhrich and his wife, Enid, recently spoke to the IEEE group presenting the history of the building and development of the ALTAIR Radar on Kwajalein Island in the Marshall Islands. This instrumentation radar tracked and recorded complete data on the reentry of Minuteman missiles launched from San Diego. Uhrich was senior systems professional engineer on this pioneering project.

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Dr. **Joshua Lederberg** — the distinguished Rockefeller U. professor and Nobel laureate has added to his many educational and scientific commitments by accepting chair of the Visitors Committee — all fellow Nobel notables — of alma mater Bronx High School of Science.

Captain **Thomas L. Dwyer** — the career Navel Intelligence offi-

cer and World War II hero, a patriot and gentleman, died in May and has been buried in Arlington National Cemetery with full and deserved military honors.

Dr. **Ira Gabrielson** — indefatigable healer and medical educator and his active physician and pilot spouse continue their unreasonable dedication to public service and community bodies in Williamsburg, Mass., in scenic New England. In what may be the definitive comment on the current AC-DC-high voltage political powerscape, they have adopted a bird and named the winged one Chad. A natural for the Supreme Court?

Leonard Koppett — master sports historian and savvy author has added to his laurels which include membership in both the baseball and basketball halls of fame. Breaking new ground and one wrist, he fell off an exercise bike in balmy Palo Alto. By the time you read this, he'll be out of his cast and into his next lively and insightful book. Spies and his agent signal that it offers a colorful and meaningful insider's view of life in the press box.

Dr. **Bruce Mazlish** — recent editorial error by *Mea Culpa* suggesting that sage M.I.T. professor has retired is hereby annulled. He's as dynamic and intellectually vigorous as his international repute which recently took him transatlantic to speak at a conference of scholars in Germany.

P.S./N.B.: A very encouraging report/update on major progress of alumni group planning campus memorial of remembrance for Columbians who died defending our country — from 1776 — coming soon.

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Amazing how provincial we can be. **Feodor S. Kovalchuk** is a clergyman in the Russian Orthodox Church in the U.S.A. and uses the title "Rt. Rev." Episcopalians use this title for a bishop. So I referred to **Feodor** as a bishop, because this title preceded his name. Feodor understood my reasoning but informed me that the title of "Rt. Rev." is used in his Church for a "mitered archpriest." So I stand corrected. As a Columbian, however, he surely must be bishop material!

Walter J. Shipman '49, '51L read our column about **Rhys W. Hays,** which I spelled incorrectly as "Hayes." Walter said that a Rhys W. Hays was a graduate student at Columbia in the late '40s and was a member of the college chess club where Walter developed a friendship, which lasted over the years. Eventually they lost touch with each other, but a mutual friend told Walter that Rhys taught history at the University of Wisconsin and died about 25 years ago. Rhys was the vice president of our senior class. Thanks, Walter, for bringing this matter to my attention.

Larry Finkelstein started Columbia in '41 but graduated in '44 and worked for the State Department for the U.N.-San Francisco Conference in 1945 and the first U.N. General Assembly sessions in London and New York under the supervision of Ralph Bunche, a Nobel Peace prize winner. A career in international affairs ensued between earning at Columbia an MA in 1947 in public law and government and a Ph.D. in 1970 in political science. Larry studied and taught international subjects as a professor in political science at Northern Illinois University from 1973 to 1995 and served on seminars such as the Columbia University Seminar on Peace. In 1995, Larry and his wife, Non, retired to Hollis, N.H., to be near family, and he became active as a democrat with an unsuccessful try for the state legislature. (Your correspondent knows your "noble defeat" feeling, Larry, after losing twice at a run for the N.J. state senate.) Larry remains active with organizations such as the Council on Foreign Relations, enjoys fly fishing and is looking forward to seeing his classmates at the 60th reunion.

Robert A. Pruznick '73, who works in Warren County, has asked that we meet together as fellow Columbians. We have a Northern N.J. Columbia Club, which meets in the evening in the Short Hills area, but it is too far for some to drive at night. Why not have county or district meetings for Columbians in populated areas or a wider geographical area for less populated areas? And why not have an active Columbia Alumni Association with members paying dues as other colleges do? Classmates and the Alumni Office, what are your thoughts on these things?

[Editor's note: The Alumni Association is indeed very active, as President Jerry Sherwin '55 has indicated in his CCT "Alumni Corner" columns. Alumni wishing to get more involved can contact the Alumni Office at (212) 870-2288 or Sherwin at his e-mail address, gsherwin@newyork.bozell.com. As for the matter of dues, the Association prefers that all College alumni automatically become members upon graduation.]

As promised, here are the names of classmates listed in the "Pre-Med Society" as taken from the "Affinity List for the Class of 1945." The first group of names will be those not on the most recent '45 alumni list.

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1946 Reunion Class photo

Most are listed in the University database as having graduated in 1946. **Charles Arnoldi**, **Lloyd Epstein**, **Stanley Harwich**, **Jonah D. Kosovsky** (indicated as president), **Philip Lopresti**, **Preston K. Munter** (also president), **Jules K. Rudolph**, **Arthur I. Snyder**, **Harvey Winston** and **Glenn N. Yanagi** are not listed. Listed with addresses and our honorees for this time are: Dr. **Herbert M. Hendin**, (secretary, executive council) 1045 Park Ave., New York, NY 10028; Dr. **Leonard M. Moss**, (treasurer) 137 E. 36th St., New York, NY 10016 and Dr. **Barnett Zumoff**, 3710 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11229.

There is no date listed for the "Affinity List for the Class of 1945," but it was probably compiled by 1943. It is puzzling to note how few '45ers who became M.D.'s are listed in the Pre-Medical Society. Who can explain this? By the way, if errors have been made in the listings, please inform your correspondent.

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It was a very small turnout for our 55th. Six classmates showed up: **Bernie Sunshine**, **Carlo Cella**, **August Sapega**, **Chuck Fabso**, **Aihud Pevsner** and your scribe, **Harry Coleman**. We had lunch in Lerner Hall with the Classes of 1931 and 1936. The evening found us in Low Library as guests of the Class of 1976 which was celebrating its 25th. We had the privilege of hearing from President George Rupp on that occasion.

Aihud Pevsner has just retired as professor of physics at Johns Hopkins. He was in town to help his wife celebrate her 50th reunion at Barnard. Margaret and **Gus Sapega** were heading for a trip from Berlin to Brussels. **Carlo Cella** boasted about his first great-grandchild. (Are there any other classmates who can report on great-grandchildren?) **Bernie Sunshine** looked a bit relieved at having finally completed his stint as president of the Alumni Federation. He was very excited about several programs he instituted to bring alumni closer to the students and the community.

Charles Kiscaddon regretted he could not attend reunion, but he and his wife were headed for Perrysburg, Ohio, for his granddaughter's graduation from high school. **Gene Rogers** was glad to hear reports about **John McConnell** in this column, since he had good memories of seeing him when he was living on Long Island. Gene writes, "He is a charming guy and has apparently been very successful. My recollection is that John fathered a large number of children."

John McConnell, who is becoming one of my favorite correspondents, wrote me a bit about the history of North Idaho. He indicated that due to errors on the part of the original surveyors of the territory, the people of North Idaho have always felt cheated that Montana got more land than they were entitled to. Now if we only had a classmate in Montana to respond.

Steve Seadler's *Ending the Bronze Age*, a 77-page Mideast-focused digest of his revolutionary *Principia Ideologica: A Treatise on Combatting Human Malignance*, has just been published and already acquired by the Libraries of Columbia, Harvard, Oxford and Princeton Universities and the United Nations, among others. It is being considered at the highest levels in Israel. Steve is available at ses146@columbia.edu.

Howard Clifford called from Low Point, Colorado where he has started a therapy program for couch potatoes. He is persuading everyone to take the TV sets outside and watch the programs from camping stools. His only clients thus far have been a few Indians from the local reservation. They can't wait to tie into Howard's new dish. Howard missed the reunion because he was out fund-raising for his program and forgot the date. Howard says he has three great-grandchildren so the race is on. Let's hear from the rest of you.

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The magic carpet of modern technology is not without its moth holes. **Ed Gold** sent a report on his current activities but it never reached your correspondent. He followed up with another e-mail which was received, and concluded his efforts with a letter duly delivered by the good ol' postal service. The contents of the first message remain a state secret, but his second communication advised that he still resides in Greenwich Village and contributes articles to the local paper, *The Villager*. When he reads this item, let us hope that Ed supplies the missing details in time for the next issue of *CCT*, by mail, by phone, or if persistence wins out, once more by e-mail.

Bob Lovett reports that the Confederacy tried but failed to keep a new recruit. Bob and his wife, Phyllis, lifetime residents of Queens, N.Y., moved to coastal South Carolina awhile ago following their retirement from teaching careers. A comfortable home, pleasant weather and nearby beaches failed to overcome the loss of easy access to Broadway (and off-Broadway) theaters, ballet, concerts, and, not to be overlooked, the varied wares of New York delicatessens. To make a long story short, they are back in Queens, enjoying all of its advantages.

That's two items for this issue's column, a 200 percent increase. Contributions furthering this gain will be appreciated. Meanwhile, we conclude with this note from the Office of Alumni Affairs and Development: Reunion weekend for '2 and '7 classes (ours included, natch) is scheduled for May 30 to June 2, 2002. "The weekend will include Broadway shows followed by cocktails, museum tours, class dinner, panels and the Starlight Reception." Surely, the cocktails should follow the tours to maintain sobriety while enjoying great art, but regardless, it sounds like it will be quite a bash. Anyone interested in helping plan the weekend activities is asked to contact this correspondent or, if preferred, Chris Long of the Alumni Affairs Office (cl884@columbia.edu).

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Not long ago, Dr. **Arthur E. Bradley** kindly sent me drafts of two of the crossword puzzles he contrives for Joslin's *Jazz Journal*. I was able to solve almost all of the clues without recourse to the accompanying answers, which he'd folded up and marked "no peeking!" For several years, Arthur's draft puzzles have been edited and revised by classmate **Jean Turgeon** of Montreal, who finds errors and points out clues that are too obscure, which Arthur then changes. Another friend of his was the late **David Stefanye,** who died last fall. Arthur was best man at David's wedding in 1956 and misses his long-time friend. Arthur lives at 146 Beech St., Floral Park, NY 11001.

Cardiologist **George Dermksian**, M.D., treated patients for four decades, and for many of those years he was listed in Castle Connolly's *How to Find the Best Doctors in New York* and in the *Center for the Study of Services' Guide to Top Doctors*. Now George is retired from cardiology, but he continues to teach house staff members and cardiology fellows at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center in New York. George lives at 1115 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10128-0100.

As an undergraduate, **James J. Griffith** M.D. was a pre-med overwhelmed by taking 20 points per semester, with many time-consuming labs in physics, chemistry and zoology, while he was a "day-hop" commuting from Mt. Vernon, N.Y. For these reasons, he was unable to form many friendships at Columbia, which he regrets. However, he did become a fan of classmate **Dick Hyman** after hearing Dick "grace the keyboards" in Earl Hall. Nowadays, in retirement not far from where Dick lives at 613 Menendez St., Venice, FL 34285-2119, Jim attends gatherings of the local Columbia Club and Ivy League Club. He lives at Apt. 416, 998 Boulevard of the Arts, Sarasota, FL 34236.

Speaking of **Dick Hyman**, that pianist, organist, arranger, conduc-

tor and composer packed a century of jazz piano into a single night on March 24 at the Tisch Center for the Arts/92nd St. Y in Manhattan. He recreated the styles of Scott Joplin, Jelly Roll Morton, James P. Johnson, Art Tatum, Cecil Taylor and Bill Evans. Dick was joined by guitarist Vincent Bell, bassist Rufus Reid and drummer Dennis Mackrell in a recital and lecture enhanced by projections. (Talk about a weak form of name destiny: ideally Bell would play the chimes and Reid a clarinet.)

Johnson (Jack) Levering, who was pleased by my review of his book, *Into the Wind*, in the previous edition of these notes, has copies of the 1947 and 1948 Columbia College yearbooks, and wonders if they would be useful to anyone. You can write Jack at Apt. 1203, Holley Court Terrace, 1111 Ontario St., Oak Park, IL 60302-1985.

Ever since retired professor of English **Louis T. Milic** fulfilled my request to be sent some reprints of his studies in stylistics a year ago, I have been meaning to write him about them. I still intend to, but recently relieved some of my tardy-correspondent's guilt by sending him, I hope for his amusement, what strikes me as a funny account of the inhibiting effect on a novelist of a stylistics study of his novels. The account is in David Lodge's novel *Small World: An Academic Romance*, first published in 1984 and reprinted in 1995 in a Penguin Books paperback edition, wherein the passage in question is on pages 182-185.

Happy autumn!

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Victor Gualano, whose name has not heretofore appeared in this space (to the best of my recollection, which declines arithmetically with time), reports that after 38 years of public school teaching he retired in 1995 with the fixed conviction that there is no greater threat to America and to the future of democracy than the repression of free speech in our public schools. He adds that repression of free press and speech is but one side of a coin whose reverse side is violence in our schools. Among our members are many former schoolteachers — do any of you want to comment further on this challenging statement? Talk to me!

Just as I readied this text for submission I learned from friend Ted Melnechuk (my '48 counterpart above) the sad news of the death on June 24 of **Kenneth Holden.** Ted knew him in high school at Brooklyn Tech, where they served on the committee that founded its still-published literary magazine, *Horizons*, and after many years of noncontact resumed correspondence with him five or six years ago. Ken had been one of the unfortunate CCNY faculty members who lost their tenured positions in its 1976 retrenchment; he was a dedicated and talented member of its English faculty. I met him for the first time at a faculty party of some sort in the early '70s and we became friends who spoke and wrote to one another at fairly frequent intervals, but lost touch after he left the city a few years after his job loss. He had for the last several years, one learns now, been seriously ill with esophageal cancer. With Ted, I mourn his passing. His light shone brightly while he was among us.

On a more cheery note, our very own reunion luncheon speaker may yet again address us, but the next time we hear from **Charlie Peters** he will speak as a member of the Hall of Fame of the American Society of Magazine Editors, to which lofty post he was elevated on May 2 for lifetime achievement. That honor came one day after he retired from his longtime post as editor-in-chief of *The Washington Monthly*. He is the first Hall of Fame member to be selected from a political magazine. Charlie has for the past 33 years nurtured his small but unusually influential political magazine, one that changed policy debate in Washington and has spawned a generation of talented journalists, many of whom now occupy top posts *at The New York Times*, *The New Yorker*, *The Washington Post*, *The New Republic* and *Newsweek*. Despite his retirement, he will continue writing his lively "Tilting at Windmills" column for the old magazine. Congratulations to him, and this subscriber looks forward to the continuing column — which he has always enjoyed reading — in future issues.

Among the luminaries receiving the Mayor's Award for Excellence in Science and Technology at a Gracie Mansion reception in March, we are pleased and proud to have found **Dominick Purpura**, a neuroscientist and dean of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, in a group that also included three Columbia faculty members. A personal sidelight — my wife was a member of the initial Mayor's Committee appointed by Ed Koch for the purpose of designating awardees and it was a fascinating responsibility for her while it lasted.

Globetrotting golfer **Gene Straube** and his wife, Marie, recently returned from a one month trip through South America, visiting Lima, Cuzco, Macchu Picchu, Bariloche in the Andes, Buenos Aires, Iguassu Falls and Rio de Janeiro, plus four days each in the Galapagos and Easter Island, all for the first time, during which they also managed to get in six rounds of golf with rented clubs. The trip, via PrivatJet 737, is highly recommended by Gene to any classmate who has yet to visit South America.

That's all for now. Remember to write or e-mail either to me or to *CCT* with your news — you can be sure that someone among our classmates will welcome what you have to report.

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Norman Dorsen was one of five distinguished U.S. citizens to be honored last year with the Eleanor Roosevelt Award for Human Rights. President Clinton presented the award to Norman at a White House ceremony in December. The citation stated, in part: "For half a century… Norman Dorsen has been a tenacious and outspoken defender of human rights, using the power of law to uphold civil rights at home and human dignity around the world." Norman served for many years as president of the American Civil Liberties Union and as chairman of the board of the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights. Additional honors in 2000 included recognition by the Society of American Law Teachers as its founding president, and to celebrate Norman's 40 years of "inspirational teaching and progressive leadership," the editors of the *Annual Survey of American Law* dedicated this year's volume 58 to Norman. He continues as Stokes Professor at NYU School of Law, chair of the Global Law School Program and co-director of the Arthur Garfield Hays Civil Liberties Program.

Glenn Lubash must have really loved our 50-year reunion. He says he is looking forward to the reunion in 2005! He also says that he is enjoying life in Corpus Christi and is just taking it easy.

Paul McCoy, in Clearwater, Fla., has never lost his affinity for chemistry. He started a small business, Chemmart Associates, 31 years ago and it is still operating. Paul's career has been in agribusiness and he developed carboxylates of micronutrients for commercial crops and turf, for which he was awarded a patent.

Although claiming to have no news of himself, **Dan O'Keefe** does report that his son, Laurence, is winning awards and spectacular reviews for his creation, *Bat Boy: The Musical*. Laurence's music and lyrics won him the Jonathan Larson Award and the show was voted "Best Off-Broadway Musical" by three critics' groups and was granted two Richard Rodgers Development Awards.

Ari Roussos and his wife, Mary, have welcomed their ninth grandchild. (A record? See below.) Ari reports also that in his extended family (son, nephews, grandsons) there are seven with the middle name of "Aristotle." A well-deserved honor, Ari!

The power of the press: **Bob Schiller** received some nice responses to his request, in a prior Class Notes column, for contacts from people who were associated with WKCR or the Players. Bob has a new e-mail address: bob.gloria@home.com (note the dot between the names).

Spain is a long way to go for a graduation, but **Arthur Trezise** and his wife, Lucia, traveled to Barcelona for son Patrick's graduation (MBA) from IESE (University of Navarra).

Arthur Westing has a new e-mail address: westing@sover.net.

Now that you've read about Ari's nine grandchildren, can anyone top that number? It might be fun to find out. For a fair comparison, though, we should count only those from one marriage. Combined families from multiple marriages could be a separate category if you're of a mind to do so. Let me know!

In a prior issue I asked to hear from those who have celebrated their golden wedding anniversaries. Not a large number so far, but hey, we've been out of school only 51 years, so I'm certain that the number will increase. To date we have three: Marie and **Ray Annino**, Lois and **Dudley Rochester** and Jan and **George Rogers**.

On a somber note, there are two obituaries to report: **Eugene Ahrens** died in April. Gene operated his own photography business and was a specialist in scenic photography. His work was featured in newspapers, magazines, books, calendars, greeting cards and jigsaw puzzles. He is survived by his wife, Astrid.

Paul Burrell died in January. Paul had retired as associate professor of Romance language at the University of Cincinnati. He and his wife, Rachel, founded Fernside: A Center for Grieving Children after their oldest son died in an accident, and Paul devoted his time to that endeavor after his retirement. Paul is survived by his wife, three children and four grandchildren.

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Thanks to everyone who sent me a biography and photograph to be included in the Class of 1951 50th Anniversary Reunion Yearbook and Directory. Those attending the reunion weekend will receive a copy at the sign-in desk. All others will get one through the mail. Meanwhile, here are some excerpts from the biographical information that I received:

Robert Allgaier: "The most important eight years of my life began with four years in the Merchant Marine, where my views on many aspects of life were vastly enlarged and altered. From Columbia College came a more formal education in science, music, art, literature and history, which enriched and greatly influenced the course of my life over the next 50 years." **Joe Ambrose:** "I have satisfied my desire to travel with trips to New Zealand and Australia in 1996 (with my wife, Dorothy), Kenya and Tanzania in 1997, and have planned a trip to Antarctica this November." **Barry Barrington:** "All our clan, including eight grandchildren, come to our island summer home for their vacations, which is about a mile as the crow flies from our year-round home in East Orleans, but is 25 minutes by boat or SUV down the Nauset dunes and over a small bridge." **Ernest Bergel:** "I am profoundly grateful to Columbia for the education I received. I believe it was the best available anywhere at that time. The curriculum was inspired."

Walter Berhahn, after receiving his commission in the United States Navy, spent three years attacking the island of Vieques, Puerto Rico, the Navy's training site that has been a focus of recent protests. **Bill Billingham** retired from the practice of general dentistry in 1995, but still lives in the home part of his home-office in Syracuse. He enjoys singing with a barbershop quartet, and has also done short-term mission trips providing dental care to the needy in Central America. **Richard Bowe** completed a tour of duty in Korea with the Marine Corps, then earned an MBA from Cornell before joining IBM. He subsequently had a career in consulting. **Dick Boyle** also joined the Navy after Columbia, and spent three years as an operations officer in the North Atlantic. He is now retired after a medical career in Pennsylvania, and has time to travel and visit five children and 12 grandchildren scattered throughout the country. **Phil Brooks** fell in love with a student nurse in medical school; he and Jane married, and have four children and seven grandchildren.

Joe Brouillard had a career in marketing, and now lives in Vermont. Skiing is an important part of his retired life. **Carroll Brown** earned a master's degree, and a Navy commission in 1953. He retired from the State Department in 1988 to become president of the American Council on Germany in New York, a position that provided a ringside seat on the collapse of the Berlin Wall and Communism. **Joe Buda** attended Cornell University Medical College, did an internship at the Presbyterian Hospital, and spent three years in the Air Force as a flight surgeon. He has remained a teacher and vascular surgeon at Presbyterian. **Al Byra** said, "I have many fond memories of my four years at Columbia, probably the most arduous, yet most stimulating and rewarding of my life. They are surpassed only by those of a happy marriage of 37 years to a wondrous lady from which came a beautiful daughter (who now trains horses for a living) and is my main concern." **Warren Campbell** attended the famous Army-Columbia football game in 1947, which Columbia won 21-20! "I also saw the Holy Cross-Columbia basketball game in 1948 when Columbia unexpectedly beat one of the top teams of the time." Maybe these victories provided the inspiration for his long and successful career in the computer industry.

Michael Colne reminisced about his years as a member of the varsity fencing team, the time when Columbia became a national power in this sport. He is now living in England with his wife, Miki. After graduation and some training in the United States Army, **David Crosson** wound up as a special agent in Germany. Later on, he became the executive vice president of a large retail sales and service rug and carpet organization, and retired in 1994. **Sherwin Day** has finally settled down to a retirement career composing music and teaching piano. **Frank Durkan** had two famous uncles, William and Paul O'Dwyer. He is still a partner with a law firm that bears their name.

Otto Dykstra was elected a fellow of the American Statistical Association in 1980 and ordained a deacon in the Southern Baptist Church the same year. **John Easter** spent some time in the Marine Corps, made a living in the air-conditioning industry, has been married 49 years and spends a lot of time fishing. **Charles Emich** retired from the United States Navy and joined a group of orthopedic surgeons in the metropolitan D.C. area, where he continues to practice. **Gerald Evans** lives in Cooperstown, N.Y. and is now retired from a practice in ophthalmology. **Sam Fortunato** spent time as the insurance commissioner in the State of New Jersey, and reported that he salvaged a two-foot section of the goal post through which Ventan Yablonski kicked the winning extra point in the "glorious game against Army." Unfortunately during the course of a number of moves, it disappeared. He suspects the CIA.

Glenn Friedman joined a group pediatric practice in Scottsdale, Ariz., after a couple of years in the Air Force. He is currently involved in the non-profit H.E.L.P. Foundation. **Al Gomez** is now retired from his obstetrics and gynecology practice in Yonkers, N.Y., does some traveling and plays what he calls "golf." **Richard Griffin** went to MIT after a short Navy career, and got his Ph.D. in chemistry. **John Handley**, now retired, enjoys introducing high school applicants to the value of a Columbia education. Columbia needs more people like John!

More than 40 museums (on both sides of the Atlantic) now collect **Don Holden's** paintings, drawings and sculpture. **Bob Kaemmerlen** went on to the School of Architecture and specialized in the design of hospitals and medical facilities. **Nathan Kase** has been at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York since his graduation from Yale University Medical School. **Fred Kinsey**, an anthropology Ph.D., had a 27-year career with Franklin and Marshall College. However, his daughter, Amy, is his proudest accomplishment. **Roland Kuniholm** has spent the major portion of his life since graduating from Columbia as a marketing/fund-raising consultant for non-profit organizations. **Jay Lefer** continued the tradition of editors of the *Jester* by living the good life in Switzerland, some clinical training at the Radcliff Infirmary, service in the Korean War, a residency at Yale Medical School and a career teaching students the interface of psychiatry and medicine. **George Leach** is enjoying retirement on the banks of the Intercoastal Waterway within shouting distance of historic Beaufort, N.C.

Admiral **Jim Lowe**, rescued from submarines and nuclear reactors, is now retired in Albuquerque, N.M., enjoying the "Land of Enchantment" with his lovely wife, Suzette. **Mike Mangino** worked on the Apollo lunar module and attributed his scientific career to technical training received at Columbia. **Alton Martin** devoted his post-Morningside Heights days to Aetna Life and Casuality. **Jim "Tex" McNallen** is still wondering how an Irish Catholic from rural west Texas could find Columbia life in New York so invigorating. Must have been the West End Bar and Grill and Ekim's!

Would you believe **Warren Nadel** combined a career in dentistry with song writing and appeared on Dick Clark's *American Bandstand* show five times? **Bob Osnos** only recently learned he missed the Holocaust by the skin of his teeth. **Al Petrick**, professor emeritus, Colorado School of Mines, is ready to pitch a tent on Navajo Lake and raft the Colorado River. **Ernest Petrulio** misses his pediatric patients but volunteers with a seven-county coalition devoted to improving the immunization levels of children.

To quote **Tom Powers**, "Our world would seem faceless and spiritless were it not for line and color, music and competitive athletics." Tom, an all-star in basketball, an Air Force veteran and successful business executive, has taken a special pride in Columbia and provided your editor with wonderful memorabilia for the reunion yearbook. **George Prozan**, after medical school, Army duty and research in hypertension, settled outside San Francisco in private practice, but found time to be the vice president of the Columbia Alumni Club of Northern California. **Mervin Ross**, recently retired from the practice of law, still remembers Professor Nagel, his philosophy teacher, as a modern day Socrates.

How many careers has **Frank Raimondo** had? Teacher, coach, principal, curriculum director, school superintendent and finally executive v.p. of one of the 200 largest construction firms in the country. **Don Rapson** went on to Columbia Law, had a long career in private practice and retired as the assistant general counsel of the CIT Group. **Stan Schachter**, often called by your class notes editor as his legal CIA in action, continues to have a great sense of humor and a wondrous love of family and grandchildren. **Peter Schiff**, a Harvard Law graduate, called his military experience "forgettable," but enjoyed his government employment with the Justice Department, the Federal Power Commission and as counsel to the New York Public Service Commission

John Schleef reviews his life as a series of "revolutions." To name a few: the industrial, the air travel, the sexual and the computer. If that wasn't enough, four major wars and he is still here! **Arnold Schwartz** recalls lugging around a 60-pound Burroughs adding machine while he canvassed New York office buildings looking for sales. He saved enough money to celebrate his 50th wedding anniversary to Phyllis! **Bob Silver** had six years as a Navy pilot, earned a Harvard law degree, became interested in social services and got a Ph.D. in medical sociology.

How many of us remember the piano playing of **Henry Simonds?** He could have made a career in music but chose the education world and became a school headmaster as well as a radar observer on F-94 jet interceptors. Who can forget that strong, craggy face, full of character and often seen on television, screen and stage? It belongs to **Joe Sirola**, often called the "King of Voice-Overs." And always with a rose! Class President **Robert Snyder** completed Columbia Law School and took the path of Federal service in labor law. No longer sitting on the bench, he now devotes his time to playing clarinet in the Lawyers Orchestra and is active in the College's alumni affairs. Don't challenge him to a game of croquet or you will lose your shirt!

After completing his medical education at Syracuse and Harvard, **Robert Spiro** did research at the Joslin Diabetic Center and continues to be active there consulting and writing. **Fred Stark,** upon completion of his years with the Social Security Administration, said, "It gave me great satisfaction to have been involved in helping 40 million or so people to attain a good measure of economic security." Thanks Fred, from all of us who are getting our monthly check! **Len Stoehr** had a 20+-year retirement from the Navy, compliments of NROTC. He had several later careers in patent law, but now enjoys a lakefront home in Charlottesville, Va., with his family. **Charles Streightiff** is another NROTC veteran with interesting staff assignments all over the world. He lives in Imperial City, Calif., the most southwesterly city in the United States. As a young person **Peter Suzuki** experienced life in an internment camp for Americans of Japanese decent. Following his Columbia education he went on to a distinguished career in anthropology and expects to retire from the faculty of the University of Nebraska in June 2002.

Frank Tillman got his Ph.D. from Columbia's philosophy department and taught at the College of Wooster, Vassar and in Hawaii before retiring. He is now writing full time and completing several books. **Peter Vignoli** is another Navy veteran who subsequently completed careers in quality assurance management in commercial and government oriented businesses. **Alan Wagner** did stand-up comedy on the *Ed Sullivan Show*. Later he nurtured such shows as *M*A*S*H, Mary Tyler Moore, The Waltons* and *Kojak*, to name a few. He was the first CEO of the Disney Channel and now produces for HBO, networks and cable. **Paul Wallace** still practices law in Chappaqua, N.Y., and we all know who lives there! **Warren Wanamaker** lives contentedly with his wife, Katie, in the foothills of the Sierras in California, having lived well as a businessman, Naval Reserve Captain and opera singer. **Harold White** retired as a professor of biochemistry at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. He remembers Jaques Barzun, Moses Hadas and the sliding chalkboard of Havemeyer Hall with varying degrees of fondness. **Mickey Winick**, an M.D. with substantial credentials, focused his career on the problem of malnutrition and its effect on brain growth. He is the author of several books on the subject.

Finally, we come to the end of this journalistic endeavor with a word about **Dave Zinman**. His School of Journalism education led to a 27-year career with *Newsday* as its medical writer. Dave recently authored a book *The Day Huey Long Was Shot*.

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Joe Di Palma received a special commendation from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas for the success of the television program *The Di Palma Forum at UNLV*. Dr. Carol C. Harter, president of UNLV, cited the program for the excellent ratings it attains and the "superior selection of topics and the many celebrities appearing on the show as panelists." Joe also provides support for the *Nightly Business Report* on PBS in New York and Las Vegas.

Larry Grossman and Newton Minow (former chairman of the Federal Communications Commission) co-authored a recent Op-Ed piece in *The New York Times* suggesting that the funds derived from the auction of broadcast frequencies be used to establish a Digital Opportunity Investment Trust that would provide assistance across a broad spectrum for the Internet and digital communications.

There were two weddings to announce: In May, Arlene and **Jim Hoebel**'s older son, Mike, got married, and in June, Eileen and **Dick Pittenger**'s daughter, Susan, was wed. Congratulations to both families!

No one else has sent in any material, so I assume you are all conserving your energy for our approaching 50th reunion. Mark your calendar now: the reunion will start on Thursday, May 30 and run to Sunday, June 2, 2002. The program will feature a wide variety of events and activities designed for diverse interests. Obviously, some of us may not wish to make it a four-day affair. Others may feel that if they are going to make the effort (and the trip), they might as well make the most of it and take in a Broadway show (or something of that nature). So when you get your schedule you can decide how much (or how little) you want to do.

As the date gets closer, you will receive more detailed information upon which to base your decision. But please make one important decision — decide to be there!

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Bob Prendergast, our former captain of the 1953 heavyweight crew, has become emeritus professor of ophthalmology and pathology at Johns Hopkins. Bob writes that he has moved from Baltimore to Woods Hole, Mass. where he works at the Marine Biology Laboratory. He still "commutes" to Hopkins for ongoing studies.

Ralph DePalma is currently the national director of surgery for the Department of Veteran Affairs in its central office in Washington, D.C. Ralph's had a fascinating career. He left Columbia in 1952 to go to NYU Medical School. He trained in surgery in New York and then went to Seville, Spain with the U.S. Air Force as a flight surgeon. Ralph and his wife, Eve, lived in Cleveland for almost 20 years where he became professor of surgery and specialized in vascular surgery and did research. His laboratory was among the first to show that arterial plaques could be made to stabilize or regress in response to lowered cholesterol. In 1979, he went to the University of Nevada and later to Washington, D.C. Currently, Ralph is working on research which may be especially interesting to his "aging" classmates. He is working on a project called "Beyond Cholesterol" which is looking at the inflammatory component of atherosclerosis with regard to iron metabolism. Ralph and Eve have four children. Keep up the great work!

Gordon Henderson is looking forward to attending our 50th reunion in 2003. It turns out that he and Mary Ann were married the day after graduation, and although they have great affection for the College and have supported it financially, they have never attended a reunion. Welcome home, Gordon. Everyone is looking forward to seeing you both at a great 50th reunion celebration.

Rolon Reed, in his inimitable style, writes, "Have you hit 70 yet? Most of our classmates soon will. You might consider a column just on that — comments on the milestone. For starters, my position is that I am too young to be 70, so I handle it the best I can by buying older whiskey and ogling younger women. I find this form of therapy helps a lot. Would be glad to receive similarly constructive suggestions from my peers." Keep going, Rolon! We're all looking forward to hearing your comments when you turn 80!

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Members of The Bicentennial Class of Destiny are working hard, retiring, traveling, and sadly, passing on.

Bob Falise has been serving as chairman of The Manville Personal Injury Settlement Trust since 1991. The Trust had been created to compensate employees of The Johns-Manville Corporation who had been exposed to asbestos that resulted in illnesses. As of this past March, the Trust had paid more than $2.5 billion to more than 350,000 beneficiaries. Perhaps we can persuade Bob to tell us more at our 50th reunion.

I was happy to hear from **Jim King**, who, as you may recall, was captain and pitcher for Columbia's baseball team. Although retired for 11 years from Verizon, Jim has been kept very busy with tennis, boating and volunteer work. Jim and Pat live in Garden City, N.Y., and spend their winters in Sanibel Island, Fla. Those in our Class who were members of Columbia's baseball team should expect to hear from Jim in the near future so that we can all get updates. **Ed Cowan** is making real progress in his quest to visit all major league baseball parks. I'm trying to convince him (and anyone else from our class) to include Qualcomm Stadium here in San Diego. BTW, Ed and Ann Louise's daughter Rachel is now the *CCT* Class Correspondent for the Class of '90.

Phil Bonnano, having retired a few years ago from the construction company in Boston that he managed for over 30 years, is now spending, with his wife, Maureen, summers at their home on Cape Cod and winters in Naples, Fla. Phil reports that he and his wife are in good health as are their five children and they can pursue their love of travel. They just returned from an around the world trip run by National Geographic. **Burton Cooper** retired in 1998 as a professor of philosophy/theology at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary to an old farmhouse in the Vermont hills (South Corinth) "fulfilling a childhood wish." We wish you many happy years and moderate snowfalls. **Peter Ehren-**

haft continues to practice law in Washington, D.C., concentrating on international trade and transnational transactions. He is also actively involved in trade negotiations in the World Trade Organization. Peter writes, "Someone has to be willing to stand up to those guys in the turtle costumes shattering store windows in the name of environmental protection." **Jim Burger** and his wife, Connie, bought a condo on Marco Island, Fla., and are planning to spend their winters there while maintaining their home in Cincinnati. They are also planning to take a Smithsonian Tour to China in September.

Sometimes someone passes away whom we remember from college days with great respect and admiration, although our paths did not cross since then. Such a person for me was **John Casella**. John and I served on the Student Board together. John, as you may recall, was one of the "Iron Men" of Columbia's football team, playing 16 of 18 60-minute games on all the offensive, defensive and special teams. He made the All-Ivy, All-East, All-Scholastic and All-Italian/American football teams. John came to Columbia after his military service and I was always grateful for his sage counsel and maturity. In later life he was active in teaching youngsters with emotional and learning disabilities as well as teaching social studies. He retired from teaching in 1992 and wrote weekly columns for his local newspaper (Athol, Mass.) and published two books. He traveled extensively. His wife, Ginny, wrote, "John lost an intense but short fight with cancer on the 4th of April when he died peacefully in his sleep." Ginny can be reached by e-mail at GinJoni@GLS.Net.

As we approach our 50th reunion, I hope that each of us will remember the contributions that Columbia College made to our lives… educationally, emotionally and otherwise. Please remember to support the Columbia College Fund. Now, be well, enjoy life, family and friends — and let us hear from you.

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Class Day and Commencement 2001 are recent memories. In fact, this past May was the next to last Commencement to be presided over by outgoing President George Rupp. Over the summer the campus becomes somewhat quieter and less bustling, with fewer students around. There is even room on Low Library steps to bathe in the sunlight and let your mind wander about Columbia past — even about Deans Harry Carman, Lawrence Chamberlain and Nicholas McKnight.

However, don't be deceived by the tranquility. Columbia is the campus that never sleeps. Preparations have been moving forward for orientation of the Class of 2005 (and you, my fellow classmates, know what that year represents — the big 5-oh, guys.)

Admissions has been gearing up for the onslaught of applications for the Class of 2006. There are many construction projects moving forward. In Hamilton Hall, there's been work going on involving new classrooms, a refurbished lobby and new office space for Dean Austin Quigley, administrators and admissions. Other areas being renovated are in Avery, Chandler and Low, while in Lerner, space for the Black Box Theatre, WKCR and more meeting rooms is being finalized. Of course, there's the new crew facility and tennis center at Baker Field. Also underway is the faculty residence/K-8 school at 110th Street and Broadway. And best of all, there are the lovely weddings held at St. Paul's Chapel practically every weekend (and sometimes during the week as well).

There are few constants in the world. One is news from one of the most active classes in Columbia College history. Our classmates do a lot, are involved, and have a good time. Since **Steve Viederman** retired, he has been doing more than ever. Living in Manhattan, he has been writing and giving talks on topics like socially responsible investment. Steve is a member of several non-profit boards and has begun a photo project that might end up as a book. Whew!

Bob Loring of Staten Island has retired, finally. He and his wife have planned several trips as they begin the next steps in their life. The venerable **Ezra Levin** has become president of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York. The JCRC is the umbrella for over 60 member organizations. Our own **Richard Ravitch** is a former president of the JCRC.

Dick Kuhn, living in Princeton and practicing law in Staten Island, reminded us of the famous vocal group, the Vagabonds featuring Dick, **Tony Palladino** (our left-handed Mark McGuire), **Nick Tavuchis** (teaching at the University of Manitoba) and the late **Jack Orcutt**. Call Dick for a copy of their album.

Harold Kushner, our man in Natick, has two major publications coming out shortly. One, a collaborative effort with several colleagues, is a new commentary on the Torah for synagogue use. The other is a book, *Living a Life that Matters*. Its theme is that people are not so much afraid of dying as of never having lived. **Arthur Liberman**, who we ran into at the Alumni Association's annual luncheon, is now working "of counsel" at a firm in New Jersey in the field of intellectual property law. Arthur enjoys the easy commute from Highlands, N.J. Not only was **Stu Kaback**'s back surgery a big success, he also was the recipient of the coveted International Patent Information Award 2001. Stu was recognized for 40 years of dedicated service and achievement in his field.

At the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new boathouse at Baker Field, representing the class crew team was **Bob Hanson**. **Harry Scheiber**, **Terry Doremus** and **Bob Banz** couldn't make it. Fellows, Bob did us proud.

The John Jay Awards Dinner was held for the first time at the Plaza Hotel back in March. Among the overflow crowd was **Joe Vales**, who flew up from Pittsburgh, **Roland Plottel** and **Don Laufer**, coming over from Manhattan's fashionable Upper East Side, and **Allen Hyman**, who has moved from Northern New Jersey to Manhattan.

One of the best-attended Dean's Days in history featured a huge turnout from our class, with the usual and unusual suspects. From New Jersey came **Bob Pearlman**, **Marv Winell**, **Howard Lieberman**, and for the first time in a long while, **Elliot Gross**, among others. **Herb Finkelstein**, living in Ossining, made it along with Long Islanders **Larry Balfus**, **Jay Joseph** and **Julius Brown**. Taking the No. 1 train to campus were **Donn Coffee**, **Paul Frank**, **Don Kresge**, **Nick Moore** and **Anthony Viscusi**. **Alfred Gollomp** had a little farther to come, all the way from Brooklyn. We thought we saw **Bob Kushner** from Westchester, and **Jack Stuppin**, living and painting in the San Francisco area. **Jim Berick** was on campus from Cleveland for a Board of Visitors meeting and caught up with his many good friends before heading back to the Midwest.

Al Momjian of Philadelphia was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America, 2001/2002* in the field of Family Law. The publication is regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence in the U.S. **Charlie Sergis** sent us some kind words of wisdom from Los Angeles. He can't wait for the men's basketball team to play UCLA in late December. As part of the trip to a tournament in Hawaii, the team will also play in San Diego. We know **Jeff Broido**, president of the San Diego Columbia Club, will be there cheering the guys on. News about **Al Ginepra**'s grand-daughter has reached us. Al is confident she'll go to the College.

In a recent New York newspaper article, **George Segal** discussed life in Hollywood and said the secret is that he "keeps coming back to the table." He just steps up. George feels like he is always just starting even though he's been around awhile. George, we need to talk.

One minor correction to report. In the movie *New York in the '50s*, involving Dan Wakefield, we reported that there were no classmates in the film. Not true — if you look closely, you will see **Sam Astrachan.** (Thanks to Isaac-David Astrachan '90.)

On a sad note: Our dear classmate **Bob Friedheim** passed away earlier this year in Playa Del Rey, Calif. Bob will be missed.

Gentlemen. As we near our 50th reunion, I implore you to take care of yourselves; eat your vegetables; take long (or short) walks; keep out of drafts; and most of all — enjoy yourself. You guys continue to be the best. Love to all!!! Everywhere!!!

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Dear Gentlemen (loosely used) of that wonderous Columbia Class of 1956. This is to report that we had our best reunion yet in early June. The 45 classmates who came took part in a most spirited occasion. Those who didn't, and we received many communications from classmates who wanted to come but had other business or family events to attend, we really missed you and you missed a 3 ½-day event with tremendous positive feeling. We went to the theater, had champagne at Sardi's, visited Kykuit (which was a Rockefeller phenomenon), ate, drank and sang Columbia songs. We enjoyed two marvelous lectures with questions by professors Ken Jackson and Jim Mirollo, danced in Low, etc., etc. Please put aside time for the 50th as you don't know what you are missing. In fact, we enjoyed singing so much we requested it again at dinner Saturday evening. Thanks to all the Sigma Chi brothers and **Vic Levin**, a fellow Glee Club member, who came up front to sing with me. Kudos to **Mike Spett**, **Larry Gitten** and **Phil Liebson** who worked extraordinarily hard to put out a superb yearbook you all should have received by now. (You don't find me in a tux very often.) **Bob Siroty** and **Lou Hemmerdinger** did a remarkable job at lunchtime Saturday, separately presenting Columbia nostalgia trips.

Frank Thomas suggested on Fri-

day evening that we get together more often, as with Medicare cards in hand, five years is too long to wait. I and others heartily concur and your loyal, hard-working and hard-playing committee will get together shortly and suffer over 2nd Avenue Deli sandwiches while planning future intra-reunion events. Any suggestions, please forward to me by any modern or Luddite means to the info provided at the top of this column. Suggestions so far, and there is room for improvement, include a dinner-dance, dinner and theater, basketball game, events planned around Homecoming or Dean's Day, etc. Do not hesitate for a moment about contacting me. You can call me at (212) 712-2369 or write to me at the address above. Columbia men were never known for their passivity.

So guys (and dolls), here's wishing you all health, wealth, happiness, great children, extraordinary grandchildren and anything and everything else. Love and keep in touch.

1956 Reunion Class photo

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A group of our class met at the home of **Ed Weinstein** on June 13 to continue planning our 45th reunion. **Alvin Kass** chaired the meeting, which included Ed, **Carlos Muñoz, Marty Fisher, Saul Cohen** and **Steve Fybish.** Heather Applewhite of the Alumni Office assisted. The group established committees for communications and marketing (Carlos), program (**Bob Lipsyte**), and fund raising (Saul). The group mostly discussed the program; it will follow the format used this year, with theater events on Thursday evening beginning the extended weekend. A special newsletter Carlos is preparing will include more information.

Marty has lined up class representatives in five regions around the country to drum up enthusiasm for the reunion. The regions are Miami/South Florida, San Francisco, Boston, Chicago and Los Angeles. His largest and most active regional group is in L.A., headed by **Dave Kassoy**. **Gene Wagner**, also of L.A., has suggested a black tie dinner as part of our reunion celebration to add a note of distinctiveness; we wonder how others feel about this. You may express yourself to Alvin at miryomal@aol.com.

Ken Bodenstein and Diane will be attending our 45th reunion. **Saul Cohen** continues his securities law practice, as busy as ever. **Marty Fisher** retired from IBM in 1994 and has been teaching social studies on the high school level and computer science and networking on the graduate school level. His main interest, however, is auditing college courses to finish the books he never could complete in humanities and contemporary civilization. He tries to get to as many football and basketball games as he can. Last football season he saw the Lions score more than 120 points in three home games. He and Doris saw our basketball team beat Princeton and Penn on successive nights. He looks forward to our 45th reunion.

The Gesher Jewish Day School of Northern Virginia honored Liz and **Paul Frommer** at its annual Guardian of the Bridge Dinner Dance, Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13, 2001. **Steve Fybish** continues with his weather studies and has been interviewed and served as an "expert" on the subject in both newspapers and radio recently.

Bob Lipsyte has completed several articles in *The New York Times* on stock car racing, its safety, sense of family and religion under the checkered flag, and popularity. In one, Bob drew attention to Dale Earnhardt and his "current beatification… as a man's man who sacrificed himself to shepherd his flock to the finish line, a hero who in death evoked both John Wayne and Jesus." Bob quoted Professor William J. Baker, who finds a similarity between "evangelical Christianity and big-time sport." The professor sees both as "win-loss mentalities. In evangelical Christianity, you are either saved or lost. You've gone to heaven or you've gone to hell, you win or you lose and that's what sport is all about." Bob noted that "[s]tock car racing, born on the red clay of the bible belt, may be the major sport that institutionally most encourages religious practice."

Rabbi **Alvin Kass** read Bob's article and focused on Professor Baker's comments. Alvin published his own viewpoint on the subject in the East Midwood Jewish Center newsletter. His position is that it's not whether you win or lose that counts, but how you play the game. "Sports was supposed to be a training ground for the attributes essential to a civil and civilized community: discipline, teamwork, playing by the rules and respect for talent," he writes. Professor Baker's emphasis on the similarity between winning-losing on one hand and saved-damned on the other reminded Alvin of John Calvin's theology of predestination; R.H. Tawney and Max Weber regarded this doctrine as the basis of modern capitalism. Calvin's followers regarded success in business and amassing great wealth as indicators of being one of God's elect. Alvin contrasted this tying of worldly success to heavenly success to the Jewish belief in "modest, unassuming human beings who live decent, moral lives… [as] the real heroes of the world… [and] the criteria employed by the Heavenly tribunal." Alvin then dismissed the idea "that God takes sides in athletic competitions," saying he finds it "hard to believe that God is a Yankee fan rather than a Mets supporter!"

In addition, Alvin has received an invitation from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (AFT) to deliver the invocation at a national awards ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Carlos Muñoz and **Mark Stanton** were **Ed Weinstein's** guests at his club for golf on June 8. The day was muggy, the golf was fair, but the company was excellent. Mark continues in law practice in New Jersey, although he admitted that he no longer has the stamina for litigation. Carlos is enjoying his second retirement (from Dime Bank).

Alan Rainess became a Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association at its annual convocation in New Orleans in May 2001. He will be reducing his hours so he can devote more time to two of his interests, piano and French literature. Alan notes that we "senior citizens [may] audit certain Columbia College courses if we are able to stagger up the stairs of Hamilton Hall to the classrooms."

Last year I audited a course in introductory Latin. The class consisted of 25 aspiring young Latinists and one elderly gentleman. On the first day we filled out attendance cards indicating the year of graduation. I wrote "57" and the teacher stopped and asked, "Who is going to graduate in 2057?"

Elliott Schwartz has been guest composer and lecturer at the Museum of Modern Art (Strasbourg, France), Reykjavik Conservatory (Iceland), Longy School (Boston), the University of Miami Festival and the Royal Academy of Music (London). A recording of his *Bellagio Variations* by the Kreutzer Quartet has been released on the UK Metier label.

Sandra and **Ed Weinstein** celebrated their wedding anniversary in an unusual manner on Friday, June 29. They visited their newly born twin granddaughters at New York University Hospital. What an anniversary present!! It's courtesy of their son, Jim Weinstein '87, and daughter-in-law Alicia. Ed, in his capacity as chairman of the College Fund, traveled with Dean Quigley to Los Angeles on March 13 –14. The Dean visited with three groups of alumni and Ed went along to show the connection of the entire Columbia community and to support the Dean.

Ed had dinner with **Herb Sturman** and **Bill Friedman** in Los Angeles on March 12. Both look great and are as active as ever. Herb has been practicing tax law and Bill has been senior associate dean for academic affairs at UCLA School of Medicine. Bill has just received the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award from SUNY Downstate School of Medicine, and is about to receive the Outstanding Achievement in Cardiovascular Medicine Award from the American Heart Association. Herb enjoys taking on work for clients pro bono and beating arrogant taxing authorities. Bill is a member of the California Air Resources Board and drives a state-supplied electric car. *The Los Angeles Times* (Sunday, March 18) quoted him on the responsibility of our auto industry to produce emission-free cars.

Ed also lunched with **Tony Barber** on March 9 at Postrio in San

Francisco. Tony continues in the money management field, spending most of his time working out of his ranch in the Sonoma Valley. His optimism and *joie de vivre* are irrepressible.

Ed and the following classmates attended Dean's Day in New York: **Al Anton** and his wife, Sarah; **Al Fierro** and his son, Mark; **David Kinne** and his wife, Kathleen; and **Neil McLellan.**

1961 Reunion Class photo

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Congratulations to **Peter Cohn** on his election to the presidency of the New York State chapter of the American College of Cardiology, and on the marriage of his son, Alan '93, to Becky Levin. Pete celebrated his 20th year as chief of cardiology at the SUNY Health Sciences Center at Stony Brook by bringing out the fourth edition of his text, *Silent Myocardial Ischemia and Infarction*, published by Marcel Dekker.

A belated welcome to Meadow Soprano '04. Although her first year had its rocky moments, we hope her experience at the College will ultimately be satisfying enough that her father will augment his already generous contributions by endowing the Bada Bing Chair of Psychotherapy.

Al Braverman brought us up to date on his busy life since graduation. He has been a professor of medicine at SUNY Downstate Health Science Center in Brooklyn for the last 25 years, specializing in hematology and oncology. His research interests have moved from hemoglobin diseases to breast cancer.

Al and his wife, Daisy, celebrated their 30th anniversary last year. They have two children: Alice, a medical student at Downstate, and Michael, who has abandoned Web site construction for a job with the NYC Parks Dept. — the millennium in a nutshell! In the '60s, Al and **Larry Nachman** (who just retired as professor of political theory at CUNY) collaborated on three articles on Thomas Mann that were published in the Columbia-based *Germanic Review*, two of which were anthologized in collections of criticism edited by Harold Bloom. More recently, Al published an article on Melville's *Billy Budd*. He does literary research in Butler Library, and says the stacks are much the same as when he spent desperate hours studying there as an undergraduate!

Keith Perry has retired after 30 years as computer systems manager with Mutual Benefit Life; he and his wife, Roslynn, are now enjoying his retirement, much of which is spent gardening and traveling. He is also serving his third term as president of the Columbia Club of Kansas City. Keith had a recent visit from Karen and **Steve Klatsky**, who live in Switzerland.

Harold Wittner's accounting practice in Culver City, Calif., is now entitled Harold Wittner, Inc., CPA.

The Class of '58 was well represented at the 40th reunion of the Harvard Law School Class of '61. Classmates and their wives who attended included Dotty and **Don Gonson**; Linda and **Ted Lynn**; Toby and **Bernie Nussbaum**; Judy and **Shelly Raab**; Linda and **Sid Rosdeitcher; Asher Rubin;** Joan and **Mark Weiss**; and Carol and **Barry Dickman.**

Don Gonson has become "of counsel" to Hale & Dorr, the large Boston law firm where he has long been a partner. In addition to teaching international law at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy of Tufts University and completing his term as chair of the international law section of the Boston Bar Association, Don plans to accept some board and advisory positions, but he loves not filling out time sheets.

Linda and **Ted Lynn**'s daughter, Jessica, left a large NYC law firm to become a Manhattan assistant district attorney. Their son, Douglas, is the director of Camp Eisner in Great Barrington, Mass.

"No regrets," said **Bernie Nussbaum** in a *New York Times* follow-up story on Bernie's term as President Clinton's counsel. Despite the controversy that accompanied part of his service, he calls it a "great adventure." But at the same time, Bernie seems quite content to have returned to the world of mergers and acquisitions. His daughter, Emily, a frequent contributor to *The New York Times Magazine* and *The New York Times Book Review*, is the editor of *Nerve*, an on-line magazine about sex.

Sid Rosdeitcher has spent 40 years as a litigator with the New York firm of Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison, concentrating on antitrust. He is also a member of the executive committee of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and of the board of directors of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights. Sid and Linda's first grandchild, Catherine, was recently born to his daughter, Elizabeth, who works for the Indiana U. Foundation, and her husband, Alain Barker, the director of the Bloomington Early Music Festival. Their daughter, Emily, went from being a litigator at a NYC law firm to a student at the NYU Graduate Film School (another protypical contemporary drama?), and their son, David, travels the country as an entertainer.

Judy and **Shelly Raab**'s younger son, Andrew, has graduated from the Stanford School of Business.

Two classmates who didn't make reunion were **Morris Amitay**, who was leading a group of recently retired U.S. Flag and General officers to Israel; and **Maurice Katz,** who has cut back on his law practice to concentrate on art. He and his wife, Marjorie, are significant collectors of American Modernist (Stieglitz circle) work. Maurie is on the boards of the Huntington Museum in San Marino, the University Art Museum of Cal State, Long Beach and the UCLA Gruenwald Art Center, and is a former director of the USC School of Fine Arts. He is also chairman of the American Art Council at the L.A. Museum of Art and a former member of the board of trustees of the archives of American art, a division of the Smithsonian Institution.

Remember the class lunch **Scott Shukat** hosts on the second Tuesday of every month, in the Grill Room of the Princeton/Columbia Club, 15 W. 43rd Street ($31 per person). You can let Scott know if you plan to attend up to the day before, by phone (212) 582-7614; by fax (212) 315-3752; or by e-mail at scott@shukat.com.

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Shelby Brewer has been elected chairman, president, and CEO of Commodore Applied Technology, Inc., an environmental remediation, engineering and financial services company headquartered in New York and Alexandria, Va. Shelby, who has a nuclear engineering background and spent the early part of his career in Admiral Rickover's nuclear Navy, was the top nuclear official in the Reagan Administration (1981-84) and chairman and CEO of ABB Combustion Engineering (1985-95) before taking on his new job.

Ben Miller recently founded a development firm that has a new approach to processing high-level nuclear waste. The company is now moving into the demonstration stage of development with the launching of a $50 million project that is scheduled to go into operation in about 18 months.

Congratulations to **John Corigliano** for being awarded the 2001 Pulitzer Prize in Music for his *Symphony No. 2.* Last year, John won an Oscar for his film score for *The Red Violin.*

Mike Cohen is still practicing maritime law and teaching an admiralty law course at Columbia Law School, while increasing his participation in projects of the American Law Institute. His wife, Bette, recently retired after serving 17 years as the cantor of Temple Emanu-El of Long Beach, N.Y. where she has become cantor emeritus.

Harris Schwartz has recently concluded his 36th year working at Columbia, during which he has helped transform the undergraduate experience. Harris is the executive director of Lerner Hall, the bustling student center. He invites classmates to stop by, say hello, and see one of Columbia's newest and most exciting additions. To continue a tradition, his daughter,

Jennifer, will soon become a member of the Class of '05, following her brothers, Jason '92 and Jon '97.

Our man in Washington, **Steve Trachtenberg**, president of the George Washington University, continues to earn the admiration of the capital city. Steve was recently selected as one of the 100 most influential people in D.C. by one of the city's major magazines.

Ed Mendrzycki, your class correspondent, has retired as a partner of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett and become "of counsel" to the firm. Ed is continuing to consult for a client on a part-time basis, and recently was appointed to a three-year term on the American Bar Association standing committee on professional liability. Ed will serve as chair of the committee during 2001-02.

Beside the new job mentioned above, **Ben Miller** has volunteered to become a cub reporter for our class and he has promised to beat the bushes for news of our classmates. Ben and Ed would like to hear what's going on in your lives, so take a moment and pass a note along to Ed at the above address or to ben.miller@erols.com. Look forward to hearing from you.

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This will be the last time my name appears in this space, or rather at the top of this space. More on that below, but first the news.

I am especially pleased to receive art notes, so I welcomed the card announcing **Ivan Koota**'s exhibition of paintings at the Erpf Gallery of the Catskill Center in Arkville, N.Y. The postcard reproduces a jolly and nostalgic scene titled *Downtown Brooklyn*, dominated by a red trolley car and some signage that will probably take classmates of Brooklyn origin back to earlier times. Ivan has a Web site: www.brooklynplaces.com.

One of our Mayor's more interesting initiatives has been the formation of a panel that would recommend decency standards for art in New York City museums. The 20-member panel includes **Herbert London,** John M. Olin Professor of The Humanities at NYU and president, Hudson Institute. Herb is also on the editorial advisory board of the *American Arts Quarterly*, published by the Newington Cropsey Foundation, and the latest issue of that journal includes his discussion of art funding controversies in NYC that have motivated our Mayor's actions. If you haven't guessed, it's the non-*New York Times* point of view.

And there is always some architectural news from **Robert A. M. Stern.** As the new dorm at Columbia takes its place on Broadway, I read that he has been commissioned to design a dormitory for Brooklyn Law School. The story in the *Times* identifies Bob as a Brooklyn native (does he remember the red trolleys?) and notes that he already had designed an 11-story addition there in 1994.

And now, the changing of the colors. I am very pleased — no, delighted — to report that **Robert Machleder** will be your new class correspondent beginning with the next issue. It came upon me one day recently that I had been doing the notes for enough years that I couldn't remember when I started. It seemed time for someone else to have the fun I have had, and Bob volunteered. I see Bob regularly at the first Thursday lunches at the Columbia Club (to which I have invited all classmates many times), and he has graciously stepped into the batter's box. Thank you, Bob, and I also thank classmates for sending me information over the years. It's allowed me to keep in touch with more of you than I might otherwise talk to or see. Sometimes things get a bit slow, so I invite or even urge you to drop Bob a line or an e-mail: 124 W. 60th Street, Apt. 34-M, New York, NY 10023, or Rmachleder@aol.com. All the best.

[Editor's note: CCT *wishes to publicly acknowledge and thank David for his many years as class correspondent, providing an invaluable service to the magazine, his classmates and the College.]*

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In June, we held our 40th class reunion. About 100 classmates, spouses, children and significant others got together for a most enjoyable weekend despite wet weather. Our attendance exceeded all reunion classes except for 1991.

Bill Binderman and the planning committee put together an excellent program, including a talk from Jim Shenton '49 at our Saturday night dinner and a visit to an award winning building on the lower west side designed by **Phil Smith**. The finance committee, ably headed by **Burtt Erlich,** raised over $200 000 for the class gift.

On a sad note, we learned of the passing of **Don Heise** in March 2000. Don was an opthalmologist. Our condolences go out to his widow, Joanna.

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I had the distinct pleasure of two wonderful conversations with arguably our most famous classmate, **Art Garfunkel.** Art, with his partner Paul Simon, wrote and performed music that became, in the opinion of this writer, anthems for a generation of Americans.

Art is presently living in New York City with his wife, Kathryn Cermak, and their 10-year-old son. He continues to perform in both the U.S. and abroad. Art will tour Japan this autumn, with 19 shows scheduled. His repertoire will include vintage Simon & Garfunkel plus Art's own hits. His own material includes works written with two colleagues. He performs these concerts with his own four-person band. They have completed approximately 75 concerts together.

His wife, Kathryn, sings professionally under the name of Kathryn Luce. This past summer, she performed on the East End of Long Island. They have sung together during Art's concerts. Kathryn is originally from Minnesota.

After many years associated with Columbia Records, Art has signed a contract with Atlantic Records. His first two albums with Atlantic will be issued in January 2002.

Art wrote a wonderful book, *Stillwater*, published by Dutton-New American Family in 1987. It is a work of prose and poetry dealing with general philosophical feelings. Two themes highlighted in the book deal with Art's personal feelings concerning being in show business, and the loss of a particular woman.

One of Art's accomplishments was his walk across America, in which he traveled by foot from New York to the mouth of the Columbia River in Oregon. He is currently duplicating that feat with a walk across Europe. He began in Ireland, with a goal of reaching Istanbul, Turkey. He is extremely proud of this activity, which gives much time to reflect and create.

Art's music has transcended our generation as it continues to be played in many different venues and settings. My grandchildren constantly request and listen to those memorable songs.

One last anecdote I'd like to report. Art and Paul had recorded two hit songs under the name of Tom & Jerry, when we were students at Forest Hills High School. Art was also a member of the King's Men while at Columbia. While walking with him on campus to a rehearsal of the King's Men (I as a listener and he as a

Art Garfunkel '62 returned to campus to perform at the formal opening of Lerner Hall in 1999.

PHOTO: DAVID PARK

participant) one evening, I asked whether he and Paul would ever sing together again. He responded with an emphatic no! I respond with an equally emphatic "the world can thank its lucky stars" that there was a change of hearts.

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Many reports in the media lamented the fact that Bob Dylan had turned 60. Of course, Dylan is a symbol of all of us burned-out hippies who are turning 60 this year. We will omit the trite references to "the times they are a-changing" or "how does it feel?" and move on to something more appetizing.

David Alpern, still a senior editor at *Newsweek*, is pleased to report that the weekend radio show he runs for the magazine with a crew of bright undergraduate interns from the College, *Newsweek On Air*, won a Program of the Year award from the International Association of Audio Information Services and a Crystal Award of Excellence from the National Communicator Awards.

We ran into **Fred Hochberg** this summer, dining at one of the fashionable spots in suburban Boston. He is practicing neuro-oncology at Massachusetts General Hospital and boasting about grandchildren.

In April, we had dinner with old roommate **Bernard Kabak** on the upper West Side, with his lovely wife, Ilana, and their energetic, 8-year-old son Gabriel. Gabe is a fierce Yankee fan and future Yankee prospect.

Please continue to send your news. While it may or may not be too late to write in about professional accomplishments, for the next issue I invite your medical reports: your aches, pains, ills and triumphs. Be well and enjoy.

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Barry Bley has embarked on a fourth career. After working for Greyhound, then as a high school teacher in New York, then as a lawyer in New York, he is now in his second year as chair of the history department in a high school in Westminster, Colo., a suburb of Denver. "I am living happily with my companion, Cindy, whom I first met at Chock Full O'Nuts at 116th Street in 1963. What a long, strange trip it's been."

From Oakland, **Dan Beagle** writes he is "shocked" that an earlier column reported only three classmates at last year's homecoming. He has been at the last two homecomings, fruitlessly looking for familiar faces. "After never once setting foot on Baker Field during my four years at Columbia, I have become a very enthusiastic booster type because my daughter, Julie, a sophomore at Barnard, has been playing for the Columbia women's soccer team for two years." Dan spent 20 years as editor and then communications director for the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, and is now an independent communications consultant to unions. He has "four great kids" and says he is "agitating for grandkids, and deeply saddened by the death of **Kenny Haas**."

John Cirigliano reports from Palo Alto, Calif., that he and **Al Butts** were also at last year's homecoming.

Steve Rosenfeld is the recipient of the second Curtis Berger Award, which was bestowed by The Bridge, Inc., a 45-year old Morningside Heights program that provides residential facilities and support services to the mentally ill. Steve practices law in New York, and with wife, Naomi, delights in the development of his two daughters. One is an art historian in Chicago, the other a third-year student at Hampshire College in Amherst, Mass.

As many of you realized, the Marriott International senior vice president and associate general counsel in my last column is **Jim Akers.** His name was changed en route to print.

Please write or e-mail. I will do my best to see that other names stay the same.

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Michael Cook has been made a fellow of The American Bar Foundation. Membership is limited to one-third of one percent of the lawyers licensed to practice in a state "whose professional, public and private careers have demonstrated outstanding dedication to the welfare of their communities and to the objectives of the American Bar Foundation."

1966 Reunion Class photo

Steven Danenberg is the headmaster of The Country School in Madison, Conn. The school has about 300 pre-kindergarten through eighth grade students. Steve's wife, Mary, is a speech and language pathologist in the Montville public schools.

Dean Gamanos reports that his ad agency, the Retele Company, is celebrating its 15th anniversary. Retele recently picked up the New York Krispy Kreme account and does work for a number of restaurants and retailers. After living in Park Slope, Brooklyn, for many years, Dean recently moved to Greenwich, Conn., where he purchased the 1888 Patrick O'Connor house. Dean has been active with the Business School's New York Alumni Club, which he serves as co-president. He was happy to run into classmates **Larry Guido, Derek Wittner, Elliott Wolff** and **Jay Woodworth** at the College Alumni Association's recent annual lunch at the Columbia Club.

The late **John Huemer**'s brother, David Huemer '81, wants classmates to know of John's wishes that donations in his honor should go either to the John Huemer Scholarship at the Columbia College Fund (475 Riverside Drive, Suite 917, New York, NY 10115) or to the John Huemer Fund for the Columbia Wrestling Program (c/o coach Brendan Buckley, Dodge Physical Fitness Center, Columbia University, New York, NY 10027).

Jeff Krulwich and his wife, Linda, are delighted that their son, Michael, has been accepted to Columbia and will be attending the College this fall. Writes Jeff, "I have interviewed high school students for Columbia for over a dozen years and know how competitive the admissions selection has become." Isn't that what they were saying when we applied for admission?

Leonard Pack, your correspondent, had the pleasure of attending the Inaugural Dinner for the Kraft Family Center for Jewish Student Life on May 17 in Lerner Hall. Columbia has now joined the rest of the Ivy League in having a Jewish student center of its own.

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Our celebrity classmate from Hollywood, **Ben Stein,** recently wrote, "Herewith some news about wonderful guys from the class of 1966: **Arthur Best,** who was my apartment mate in 1965-66, is married to a talented dancer/teacher named Hannah Kahn. He is a professor of torts and evidence at the Denver University Law School. He has two children, a daughter who is a wizard student and a son who is a killer tennis player. **David Paglin,** also an apartment mate, is married to a lovely woman named Julie Hughes, who is a power at a trade association having to do with importing dry goods, which is almost anything. David teaches drama and speaking at various universities in the D.C. area. He also performs beautifully in local theater and often produces and directs as well. Both he and Arthur are enviably thin. **Larry Lissitzyn,** who was president of our fabulous Alpha Delta Phi fraternity, warm center of the universe in those halcyon days, is a very clever and successful trial lawyer at the most prestigious law firm in Hartford, Conn. He has a lovely, quick-witted wife who is also a lawyer, and some lovely daughters. Larry is an ardent runner and is in super condition. He retains his devilishly caustic wit. **Neill Brownstein,** also of the Alpha Delta Phi, is a super-successful venture capitalist in Northern California. I rarely see him but I hear of his exploits whenever my path crosses anyone in finance or technology. I never hear of **Stuart Reynolds,** but I wish I did. If anyone knows of his whereabouts, please let me know. As for me, I do my Hollywood work, do a bit of speaking, cringe at my expenses, have a wife who is a lawyer (we have been married for 31 years, which is scary), and a 13-year old son who will not, repeat NOT be taking away any other alum's child's place at Columbia. His sole interest is computer games. God help him. But he is very sweet and my wife and I would be happy if he just lived with us until we shuffle off this mortal coil. When I think of Columbia, I think of those great times at the ADPhi house, my old economics prof, the brilliant and gentlemanly Lowell Harriss, and the great cheeseburgers and horribly rude service at the Chock Full O'Nuts. 'Hold fast to the spirit of youth, let years to come do what they may.' That is on a mantle in a dormitory, maybe Livingston, and it's damned good advice." BenStein@aol.com.

Harris Turkel has "lived in Doylestown (Bucks County), Pa., since 1973 and recently retired (for now) from a career in mortgage finance. I'm keeping busy taking several courses, writing, tutoring English as a second language (as a native New Yorker, English was always somewhat of a second language) and am also chairman of our municipality's planning commission. In the fall, my wife and I intend to start studying Japanese. I guess I've taken my time following up on my Oriental Studies CC course. I've been married for almost 30 years to Jane (Social Work '69) and have two 'children,' Matt (Oberlin '97) and Joel (Brown '99). They live in Tokyo and San Francisco, respectively… In April, I ran into classmate **Paul Suratt** in Nikko, Japan. Coincidentally, we were both staying in the same *ryokan* (small, Japanese style hotel) and had visited many of the same Buddhist temples the previous day. We spent a day hiking in this area, northwest of Tokyo. My wife and I were visiting our son, who has lived in Japan for four years, while Paul was visiting his brother." turkelfamily@yahoo.com.

Richard Senter, who lives in Mt. Pleasant, Mich., is still a professor of sociology at Central Michigan University. He spends summers at the University of Michigan, doing research on the automotive industry. The latest product of this effort is an article on the relationships in the automotive supply chain.

As president of the Alliance for the Arts in New York for over a decade, **Randall Bourscheidt** has "published a series of cultural guides and calendars. Now I'm working with the city's Cultural Affairs Department, with Commissioner Schuyler Chapin, former dean of Columbia's School of the Arts, to build a large database covering every aspect of the business of nonprofit cultural organizations — budgets, attendance, etc. — as well as every public program they

offer." He worked with the National Arts Journalism Program at the Journalism School to present a recent conference on cultural funding, called *Who Pays for the Arts?* Rbourscheidt@aol.com.

Ira Katznelson, Ruggles Professor of Political Science and History, conducted a "Seminar on the State: Reflections on the Social Sciences and History at Columbia after the Second World War" during reunion weekend. Classmates in attendance at this multi-event weekend were: **Joseph Albeck, Mark Amsterdam, Richard Beggs, Randall Bourscheidt, Neill Brownstein, Joe Cody, Michael Colen, Barry Coller, John Doody, Eugene Fierman, Kenneth Fox, Daniel Gardner, Michael Garrett, Burton Gordon, William Greenfield, Robert Gurland, Thomas Harrold, Tod Hawks, Howard Hirsch, Herbert Hochman, Peter Imrey, Edward Kabak, Michael Kamen, Harvey Kurzweil, Robert Lautin, Martin Lee, Dick Lefkon, Michael Leibowitz, David Lindeman, Eugene Martin-Leff, David Matthew, Franklin Mirer, Dean Mottard** and **Rick Reder.** According to my fellow Atlantan **Tom Harrold,** Professor Kenneth Jackson's presentation on the history of Columbia and the City of New York was excellent.

Congratulations to the members of the Class of 1966 whose sons and daughters are enrolled in the newest first-year class: **William Abrashkin**, father of John; **Charles Feldman**, father of Joseph; **Anthony Helfet**, father of Katherine; and **Edward Kabak**, father of Elizabeth. Our own daughter, Sacha, is also in the class.

Your correspondent **Stuart Berkman** has recently relinquished the presidency of the Columbia University Club of Atlanta, held since 1996. I have now taken on the role of chair of the Alumni Representative Committee for Georgia, coordinating the recruiting and interviewing activities throughout this state for the admissions office. My wife, Gilda, and I spent a week in Rome in February to celebrate the 25th anniversary of our marriage, which took place in Rio de Janeiro in 1976.

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Notes from classmates have flooded in by the hundreds! (Not buying that? O.K., so here's what a dozen of us have had to report.)

Larry Miller's mother, now 82, was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer three days after Larry renewed acquaintances at Dean's Day with former junior high school, high school and Columbia classmate **Marty Oster**, who happens to be a physician at P&S. Larry's mom, given six months to live by her doctors in Florida, flew to New York with her test results. Marty reviewed them and referred her to a Columbia surgeon. Surgery was on a Monday; she returned to Florida that Friday. Mom is now home and doing fine. "So," Larry offers, "it pays to go to alumni events."

Marty's daughter, Bonnie '99, has stayed on at Columbia as a Ph.D. candidate in art history; his second daughter, Michelle, who, like mom, Karen, went to Cornell, is now following mom's footsteps at Teacher's College; and his youngest daughter, Nancy, confused by all the red and blue in the family, attends Penn. (Good work all around, Dr. Oster!)

Tom Hauser just published his 25th book, *With This Ring*, co-authored with his former dormitory floor counselor, Frank Macchiarola. **Bob Costa**, his wife and daughter are all en route to London, England, for a year or more in connection with his work for Chase Manhattan. **Carleton Carl**, always helpful, has asked **Marty Nussbaum** to report to us on his new house and expanded law firm. (Marty, way busy, has not, as yet.)

David Bessman, on the faculty of the University of Texas Medical School in Galveston, promises further details on his activities. (He and **Bill Brown** have each asked us to contact them. Your class correspondent is, temporarily, the entire North America finance team for CNH Capital's law department, however; until we've resumed having a three-or four-lawyer team, if David and Bill (and you) would just e-mail details, that would help immensely!)

Don Morris reports from deepest Wyoming that he has now taught in the public schools in Cheyenne for 34 years and lives there "very quietly" with wife, Carol Lee, and offspring, Joanna (an undergraduate at the University of Wyoming), Caroline (a 10th grader) and Michael (in sixth grade). Don offers use of his front lawn to any members of the Cleverest Class who'd like to "drop by, say howdy and graze their livestock". (Perhaps the Costas will, while they're in London. It's considered quite cruel to keep Herefords in an urban flat.)

Eric Kagan's deciphered why there are so few messages from the Class of '67. He's considered '67 by the Alumni Office, but actually graduated in '66. "Maybe," he offers, "there actually aren't any real members of the class" other than your correspondent. "That would account for it." Eric: Who, then, were all those guys taking tests with us, and ahead of us on line at Mamma Joy's and the Gold Rail? And why else would **Elliot Hefler** write, to say he's been married to Gail for 29 years, his daughter, Laurie, is a nursery school teacher and his son, Scott, '01, is a mutual fund manager?

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Steve Gottlieb came "out of hiding to shamelessly flack (split infinitive; tsk, tsk) my new book of photographs, *American Icons* (Roberts Rinehart)," published in July, 2001—"an effort to capture in photographs (with supporting text) every major symbol of the United States: Statue of Liberty, Grand Canyon, baseball, hamburger, etc." (a formidable task, Steve). His third book, "photos of unusual abandoned objects found across the country," will be published later this year. Obviously, Steve's a photographer (freelance), specializing in corporate annual reports and advertising. His shutter affair began after a 10-year stint as a corporate attorney in Washington, D.C. He now lives in midtown New York, but "wanderlust may take me elsewhere before I officially settle down." Re: family, he has two sons, Brian, a recent graduate of Reed College, and Jason, "an artist/illustrator with Picasso-level talent." Re: tennis, "My body cooperates (two-thirds of the time). I'm still at it, with my share of singles and doubles rankings over the years."

That's it, really. Re: the future of this column… a transplant may be necessary. The end is near, unless I receive some news on a regular basis. To those who've supported this column throughout the years… my continued thanks. To those who simply read the news without providing some news… redemption and dispensation are still possible — three Hail Marys plus an e-mail, phone call or post card to me, post haste. OK? If that's not possible, send money.

P.S.: Re: the last column, **Tom Russo**'s wife is Lynn.

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Lee Pearcy has been appointed to a newly-created position, director of curriculum, at The Episcopal Academy in Merion, Pa., where he has taught and chaired the classics department since 1986. Lee will oversee the development, implementation and evaluation of pre-kindergarten through 12th grade curriculum. "I'm sure my experience with Columbia's well-designed curriculum will help," he notes.

Two of our classmates appear in *New York* magazine's 2001 list of Best Doctors in New York: **Jerry Gliklich,** a cardiologist affiliated with Columbia Presbyterian cited for his expertise in heart-valve disease and arrhythmias, and **Jerry Nagler,** a gastroenterologist affiliated with New York Weill Cornell Medical Center cited for his expertise in inflammatory-bowel disease and irritable bowel syndrome.

Not much to report this time; make up for it and e-mail me your news for the next time.

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Mike Passow was selected by the American Chemistry Council to receive its Catalyst Award for Excellence in Science Teaching. Putting aside the Council's periodic table humor, this prestigious award recognizes outstanding teachers of science and their demonstrated exceptional ability to inspire students toward careers in chemistry and science-related fields through dedication and innovative teaching methods. Mike has taught for many years at the White Plains Middle School and also at Teachers College.

John Angell Grant is busy writing plays in the Palo Alto area. His most recent work, *Time Out*, met with critical success.

On a personal note, after 20 years of wearing the Bristol-Myers uniform, I changed teams and am now playing for GlaxoSmithKline. So far, the new experience has been exhilarating. My new e-mail is Peter.N.Stevens@gsk.com. As usual, I am desperate for news from you guys. Please contact me and let me know what you've been up to. How about a mini-reunion before the Ivy League basketball game with Penn at Levien Gym this January? Please let me know if you are interested. You heard it here first: This is the best team we have had in many years and if we win the home opener against Penn, we'll win our first title since you know when. By the way, the growing resemblance of this correspondent to "Tony the Fan" is coincidental. Finally, in my most recent stroll down Broadway, I counted six outdoor cafe/restaurants between 111th and 112th Streets. The Heights continues to blossom

1971 Reunion Class photo

beyond expectations. 'Til next time, "In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida, Baby."

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Michael Kempster is "now south of Boston with wife, three kids and dog, just like I'm supposed to be. Would love to hear from any and all. KempsterMD@aol.com."

Dave Gelfand holds the Ashton Phelps Chair of Constitutional Law at Tulane Law School in New Orleans. His latest book, *Suing and Defending Cities for Federal Constitutional Violations: A Treatise for City Attorneys and Public Interest Litigators*, was published by Lexis Publishing Co. in June 2001. The second edition of *State and Local Taxation and Finance in a Nutshell* was published by the West Group in December 2000. Dave's co-author is Joel Mintz '70. Dave taught at the University of Amsterdam this summer. His daughter, Katie, begins at Sarah Lawrence in the fall.

Josh Rubenstein, northeast regional director of Amnesty International, wrote with Vladimir Naumov the book *Stalin's Secret Pogrom* (see page 22). I looked up *The New York Times* review (May 30, 2001), which noted that the "enlightening volume" is "the latest installment in the remarkable Annals of Communism series being published by Yale University Press." Look for more in an upcoming issue of *CCT*.

Robert Tang is "the proud father of two sons at Columbia College at the same time, Eric '02 and Brian '03. If I am lucky, my baby daughter, Emily, will apply for Early Decision and get accepted for the class of '06. She will then complete all the Tang Children attending Columbia in my own nuclear family. Also, my younger brother, Gabriel Tang, is '80 (five-in-the-hand suite, and a proverbial 'full house').

"Just like others have once mentioned about their gratitude for Columbia in shaping their career, I too am forever appreciative of Columbia and really benefited from the classes taught by some of our famous teachers: Profs. Malcolm Bean, Alan Westin, Charles Frankel, Peter Pouncey, Warner Schilling, Edward Taylor, Harvey Mansfield (even Ronald Breslow in organic chemistry, when I ventured as a pre-med, too), etc., and I am forever grateful to them. They were my sponsors and references for Oxford, where I went for my law degrees. I lived in London as an investment banker at Schroders in the 1970s; then in the 1980s in Dallas, Taiwan and Japan as a manufacturer (in my father-in-law's company until I arranged the merger of his company into The Stanley Works to form Stanley Hand Tool Group). Finally, in the past decade I started National Development and Research (NDR) as my boutique business advisory and project development and financing company for technology companies."

What prompted Bob's letter was that last winter he met Mel Kusin at a Dallas luncheon and Bob said, "That must be a rare-name coincidence because I have a Columbia classmate named **Mike Kusin**." And Mel said, "That's my son."

Ron Bass writes canonical fiction and poetry. He wrote [in March] that "among the pieces currently in process is my Columbia '68 short story, *Origins of the Counter Enlightenment*, the opening paragraphs of which I've sent. During the past several months I've done readings and performances at 5C Cultural Center, the Baggot Inn and The Living Room. In live performances I share the stage with my alter ego: Yogi Baksheesh, Spiritual Advisor to the Exceptionally Evolved. In my day job I continue to be vice president of the Financial Institutions Group of ORC Macro. In my spare time I work out at Dolphin Fitness on East 3rd Street and on the quarter-mile track in East River Park. It's really quite amazing how much the Lower East Side of Manhattan these days resembles Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*."

As for myself, your correspondent, I expect that I am not exceptionally evolved. Thirtieth reunion was a blast, but that's for next column. I had a 30th anniversary of my own, as I've been class correspondent since graduation, beginning with a newsletter just for our class even before *CCT* started its Class Notes section. Keep your correspondence coming.

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Business, academia, the arts — we are thriving in all of these areas, as you'll see from this issue's notes. To get things started, **Kenneth Abramowitz** reports that he just retired as a health care analyst at Sanford C. Bernstein to join The Carlyle Group's health care buyout team for private equities as a managing director.

Bill Geissler, living in Maplewood, N.J., manages sales of Sun Microsystems' software products for Sun Partners. He's been able to take his wife, Ann Marie, who teaches and manages fund-raising at their son's school, and his son Christopher, now 9, on many of his bicoastal and European trips. Christopher, with a little help from Dad, won his Cub Scout pack's Pinewood Derby meet, with a Star Wars' themed entry. Having put in my time as a Pinewood Derby dad, I can tell you that's no easy feat.

Steve Bellovin, long-time AT&T researcher on computer networks, security and the problems that come from mixing the two, has just been elected to the National Academy of Engineering. In the course of his notable career, he helped to create netnews, "which has been exceeded as a consumer of computer disk space and communications bandwidth only by the World Wide Web."

Steve's other professional activities include a healthy dose of public policy-related work, especially on cryptography and privacy issues. He and wife, Diane Finger (Barnard '72, but they met in grad school), have two kids who keep things lively for them.

Moving to academia, we note that **George Klosko**, professor of government and foreign affairs at Virginia, delivered the 25th Frank M. Covey Lectures in Political Analysis at Loyola of Chicago in March. His topic was "Jacobins and Utopians."

While down at Penn this May for our son Binyamin's graduation, I had the pleasure of seeing **David Stern**, professor of post-biblical and medieval Hebrew literature and director of the Jewish Studies Program. David gave visiting parents, grads and alumni a fascinating tour of the Judaica treasures, including manuscripts and early books, at Penn's Center for Advanced Judaic Studies.

And in the arts, composer **Joel Feigin**'s works have recently been performed in settings ranging from Carnegie Hall to Niznij-Novgorod, Russia to Leuven, Belgium. Joel is associate professor of composition in the department of music at UC-Santa Barbara.

Jazz pianist/composer **Armen Donelian** recently performed in the New School University's Jazz Faculty Series, playing works from his new Sunnyside Records release, *Grand Ideas, Vol. 2 - Mystic Heights. Original Compositions for Solo Piano.*

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Sorry 'bout the dearth of news in the last *CCT*; am about to make up for it. Now, in order of appearance:

Jersey **Joe Seldner** co-produced *61**, the HBO movie about Maris and Mantle that was well reviewed and received numerous Emmy nominations. He's always looking for good ideas for the "big or small screen;" contact him at joeseld@earthlink.net (say it ain't so, Joe!). He is raising two kids, Dan (17) and Laura (14), when he's not writing and working on projects. In the helping hand department, **Michael Robinson** is looking for **Alan Johnson**'s whereabouts; call him at (508) 889-2506 or e-mail him at DrMRob@aol.com.

Al Swain has been living in Huntsville, Ala., since 1980. He's been married since '77, has two kids and a general law practice. We had some general discussion about the lack of good pizza "below the Washington Tunnel," and what Huntsville, Ala., is *not* on the way to, as well as life with teenagers.

Robert Pruznick sent in "news from the over-50 crowd" (speak for yourself, Robert); he has been engaged in community building social work for the past 25 years, the last 20 of which he has been executive director of The Arc (Warren County chapter), which advocates and provides services to those with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities. He's keeping busy as president of his school board (two teenage kids — big theme this issue); interviewing for the Alumni Representative Committee; and organizing the annual Beta fishing trip for the last 15 years, with the help of classmates Judge **Robert Sacavage** and developer **Robert O'Neill**. His 50th birthday present from his wife was a membership at the Columbia Club.

Erik Bergman has switched streams, from 16 years in TV (most recently as TV editor at *USA Today*) to high-tech public relations, as senior editor for Waggener Edstrom Strategic Communications.

Michael Shapiro was named musical director and conductor of the Chappaqua Orchestra in June. Michael is a long-time resident of Chappaqua (the more famous ones are more recent), and has performed internationally as a conductor and pianist for over 20 years. He also has excellent publicity.

Next time we "speak," we'll all be middle-aged. HOOO-hah. Over (literally) and out (figuratively).

1976 Reunion Class photo

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"Harvard's Endowed but Columbia's Got the Girls!" screamed the front-page headline in a recent *New York Observer*. That was enough to get me to plunk down a buck. The story went on to tell of "hormones running wild in Morningside Heights" as movie stars Julia Stiles (*Save the Last Dance, Hamlet*) and Anna Paquin (*The Piano, X-Men*) tried to blend in as members of the Class of 2004 — sitting in the next seat during CC, studying in the library, etc. And you think you had trouble concentrating on *The Iliad*!

Among the e-mails and notes coming in was one from **Garrett Johnson** that started in a familiar way: "I'm not sure, lo these many years, if I have ever written with an update on myself." It continued in a still-typical fashion, saying that he is married (to Charmaine) and has a daughter (Kelsey). But then it started to shift off course a little: he has been a lawyer in solo practice "with an emphasis on entertainment law and representation of individuals and entities before the IRS." He also operates a jazz and gospel artist management company and recently became a partner in a new record label (Allen & Allen Music Group). So if you want to record your protest of high taxes, you know whom to call!

James Kort and his wife, Ina, live in Vernon, Conn., and report that they are rapidly becoming "empty nesters." Rachel is a junior at Dartmouth, Eric is a freshman at Pomona, and Naomi is a junior at Loomis Chaffee. That means James and Ina are only a year away from the road to (their) freedom!

And it sounds like **Miles Stern** has found his freedom. I'm happy to report that he has "bought the farm." No, not that farm — a real farm outside Sacramento, Calif., where he lives with his wife and two daughters. Miles is a lawyer with a practice in "dependency law" (like in *Judging Amy*). He reports his girls ride around singing "New York, New York," but he sings "Home on the Range." To each his or her own.

Bill Sitterly has relocated from Thailand to the greater Philadelphia area, a euphemism for Montgomeryville, Pa. (I hope he's not on another farm — we can only take so much in one column!)

Robert Levitz has been at Hartford (Conn.) Hospital since 1978, and is now the assistant director of infectious diseases. Robert is married to Ita Segal '78E and has two sons, Eric (13) and David (10).

Classmates have continued to "spill the ink" in many different ways. Last column mentioned two academic texts penned by classmates. This time I received a note from **Asher Miller**, saying, "Our class has yet another author — me!" This New York and Long Island-based tax attorney recently published *New York Estate Planning, Wills, and Trust Library: Forms & Practice Manual*. It hasn't reached the top 10 of *The New York Times* best-seller's list — yet!

A better shot may come from **Robert Katz**. By day he is an associate professor of clinical anesthesiology at SUNY Stony Brook as well as chief of the division of general anesthesiology. But by night he has been crafting his first novel, a "science fiction/adventure/romance" novel titled *Edward Maret*. Recently published by Willowgate Press, it has been favorably reviewed by *Publishers Weekly* and *Science Fiction Chronicle*. He also reports, "My daughter, Erica, just completed her freshman year at Columbia, after graduating as valedictorian of Port Jefferson High School. She's a much better student than I ever was!"

There you have it: farms, families, fiction and a lot more. Your classmates would appreciate it if you take a moment to send in an update on the latest chapter in your life adventure!

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Albert Mrozik was appointed chief municipal prosecutor in the city of Newark, N.J. in June. He had held the position in an acting capacity since April. His new position must be keeping him busier than in the past, as I don't get nearly as much e-mail from him now!

Robert Schneider has been on campus a lot since becoming a board member of the Society of Columbia Graduates in 1998. His son, John, participated in the Columbia Summer Program for High School students again this summer, taking courses in C++ and Graphics in C computer work. His older son, James, has just completed another successful year at Penn.

Jason A. Turner was asked by New York's Mayor Giuliani to run the welfare, Medicaid, and job training system for the city as Commissioner of the Human Resources Administration. For most of his career, Jason has worked for Republicans in appointed positions in the area of welfare reform. During the first Bush administration, he ran the federal welfare program at the Department of Health & Human Services. Then he moved to Wisconsin, where he helped devise the welfare reforms of then-Governor Thompson. He met his wife in Wisconsin, and they now have four children. He commutes weekly between Milwaukee and New York. Jason writes, "As a conservative Republican working on welfare in a liberal city, every reform is hard-won, but by the end of Giuliani's tenure this year, the city will operate 28 job centers and have placed the job-training system entirely on a market-based performance basis."

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Walter "Buddy" Wightman reports from Woburn, Mass., that he waited a while to marry and have children. "After a courtship of 14 years — I didn't want to rush into anything — I married Cheryl Ann McLatchy in September 1993. On December 23, 2000 we were blessed with a son, Spencer Alexander McLatchy Wightman. My stepson, Danny, is 21 and a student at the Naval Academy. I have been practicing family medicine in fits and starts since 1986. I've also written what I hope is a scathingly funny novel about the state of modern medicine in America. I have accumulated only one rejection so far, so probably haven't tried hard enough yet."

Matthew Soifer's family is moving from Teaneck, N.J. to the Baltimore area in time for his daughter to start sixth grade and for him to start a new job as vice president national sales manager for Goldwell Cosmetics. "This is a big change for the family, since life has been good in the N.Y. metro area for all three of us. The move is necessary since job prospects have been a little rough under the Hoover, I mean Bush administration." Matthew signs

himself: "1212 Carman, 535 Brooks, 1001 Furnald."

I hope the next column will be a fat one, as I spent the class reunion in June begging the '76ers in attendance for copy. It was great to see everyone there (old friends and new acquaintances both), to be on the campus for the first time in years, to walk the streets of the Upper West Side again. The reunion organizers did a great job for our 25th year, with cocktail parties, dinners, picnics, Broadway shows and museum visits. See you all for the 30th in 2006!

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Jeffrey A. Moerdler has joined Mintz Levin et al, as a partner in their New York office and section head of real estate and communications. He brings his expertise in telecommunications law to the technology oriented law firm. Jeffrey and the other lawyers he is bringing with him have unique experience in the legal issues of smart buildings, antenna sitings and wiring of buildings for broadband connectivity. He has written and spoken extensively on issues surrounding telecommunications laws and leasing issues.

Our man in the foreign service, **Christopher Dell,** is the chief of mission in Pristina, Kosovo. "I guess you could say it's a challenging assignment. I have a staff of 60 Americans and its growing all the time. But it's a chance to be involved in something that really matters and makes a difference," says Chris. Think of Mr. Dell the next time you switch on CNN.

I got a big package a few months ago and was shocked to find a set of Stratomatic baseball cards, untouched since the 1977-78 Livingston Dorm League season. The sender, **Jeffrey "Zap" Zapolsky**, included this poignant tale, "I've been practicing radiology in Palmer, Mass. for the last 15 years and I'm now moving to a new practice in Oshkosh, Wis. I came across these cards the other day as I was packing to move. I don't think I was as big a baseball fan as some of our floor-mates like **Alroth (Allan Rothman), Ed Ferguson or Steve Gruhin**, but rather than toss these out I thought they would be in safer hands with you. I sure miss those days at Columbia. Do you remember when we rode our bikes through Central Park at 3:00 a.m. for you to bring a final paper to your father's office to have it typed? *(I will strenuously deny this under oath if every questioned by a Senate Committee, but it will make a great color story if I ever get interviewed by Gary Cohen '81.)* I don't think I'll ever do that again! *(Perhaps you don't know Oshkosh yet; I hear all the docs ride through the night to file their Medicare reimbursements.)* I've been interviewing students for Columbia every year and it sure seems like the students just keep getting smarter. *(Actually the questions just get easier.)*"

Thanks, Jeffrey. Since I am no sentimentalist, these cards will soon find their way to e-bay; let's see what some light blue nostalgia will command on the open market… just kidding. In fact if any other Livingston Leaguers are out there, keep your cards and we'll all replay the season in 40 years in our retirement village in Boca.

John R. "Rick" MacArthur, publisher of Harper's, recently adopted with his wife, Renee Khatami, a Colombian girl, now Mercedes Karen. Rick wrote a wonderful piece about the experience for his syndicated column that is available on the Web. "I liked Columbia so much that I adopted from Colombia!" the magazine mogul noted. Hey Rick, why don't you run for mayor of New York instead of that other media guy (Mike Bloomberg)?

And speaking of running, **James McGreevey** is back, running for governor of New Jersey, this time against a Harvard guy. Give Jim all the support you can, he is favored to be the first '78er to hold a major elected office!

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The specter of our 20th reunion caused many of our classmates to send personal updates, which I share with you now:

Dr. Thomas Kelliher, principal of Kingswood Academy in Darien, Ill., has taught at all levels (grammar, high school and college) since leaving Columbia. He credits Columbia with preparing him well for his career, and like many of us found inspiration from Professors Jackson, Wakely and Shenton. His e-mail address is TomKelli45@aol.com.

1981 Reunion Class photo

Mark Gordon, associate professor at SIPA, is married to Anne and they have two sons (Chris, 3 and Charlie, 1½). Mark has been the deputy assistant secretary for community planning and development at HUD, a private practice attorney and a member of Governor Mario Cuomo's staff. Mark has returned to the Upper West Side and can be reached at mcg12@columbia.edu.

Gil Atzmon is an investment banker dividing his time between home in San Antonio and work in NYC. He and his wife, Rita, have two children (Tadd, 16, and Rachel, 8). Gil indicates that he has survived cancer, and we are certainly glad for him, his wife and the kids. He can be reached at gilatzmon@hotmail.com.

Rich Klein writes from Dallas (I sense a trend here — two have moved to Texas) where he works as a price guide analyst, "doing well and enjoying life." Rich says he learned a lot in the four years at Columbia, and constantly draws upon those interpersonal relationships. He can be reached at sabrgeek@aol.com.

Dr. **Edward Savage**, who resides near Chicago, is a cardiac surgeon and associate professor of cardiothoracic surgery at RUSH Medical College. He and his wife, Susan, have three children (Jennifer, Matthew and Jonathon), which I'm sure keep them quite busy. Of his Columbia experience, Dr. Savage credits the school with creating an environment that allowed for maturity and acquisition of self-confidence. He can be reached at chstcutter@aya.yale.edu (I think!)

Gregory Harrison resides in Paradise (otherwise known as Santa Barbara, Calif.) with his wife, Jolie, and their son, Grant Ryan (2). Greg is the senior director of corporate communications with Tenet Healthcare, which owns 111 hospitals. As a former sports editor of *Spectator* and wrestler, Greg is used to the pressure and actually thrives on it. Greg came from a small town (450), so going to college in NYC provided him with a tremendous orientation to life, to keeping an open mind, and to interacting with a diverse student body. Greg can be reached at grantspad@dellnet.com.

Stephen Williams is still in London with his wife, Isabelle, and their three children (Kimberly, 12, Charles-Quincy, 9 and Jeremy, 2). Stephen credits the core curriculum with providing the foundation for his judgments (business, social, ethical or just plain common sense). We all do — whether or not we are honest enough to admit this. Stephen left a career in finance to start a software company (database management), where being on the leading edge is enthralling and scary, but meaningful to him. He can be reached at swim-kq@msn.com.

Eric Daum is an architect with Classic Restorations in Watertown, Mass. He and his wife, Beth, have one son (Karl, 9). Eric originally was with the class of 1980, but slipped into our graduating class (we welcome him as our own). Eric was inspired by Professors Shenton and Jackson, and he remembers the Yule Log Ceremony held by Professor Shenton in John Jay Lounge. Eric's work combines his two greatest loves, history and architecture, as he is involved with a high-end design and construction firm that specializes in the restoration of older houses. He can be reached at niemidaum@mediaone.net.

Finally, we did have the reunion after all! I will update the class in the next column. As a preview, my wife had a wonderful time at the Thursday evening festivities (cocktail party, theater, reception at Sardi's), and she hates NYC!

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[Editor's note: Columbia College Today *thanks* **Andrew Botti** *for his valued service as class correspondent, and welcomes* **Roy Pomerantz** *as his successor. Classmates should direct future submissions to Roy at the address or e-mail above.]*

Like many of you, my first impulse when I receive a new issue of *Columbia College Today* is to scan the Class Notes. Some of the more recent graduating classes have full pages of announcements, or more. I regularly read about our classmates in the newspaper (i.e., **Miguel Estrada** was recently nominated by President Bush as a Federal Judge for the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals) or see articles authored by our classmates (**Eddy Friedfeld** regularly writes about the movie industry for *The New York Post*). I implore you to share your accomplishments and life experiences with us! With our 20th year reunion around the corner, it is the perfect time to update us. Please help make our class notes so rich that more recent graduates wish they too could have eaten one of Sam's Hoishey Bars while hanging out at TA-KOME, the Pub, the Third Phase or Livingston Hall.

I am happy to report that last year I married Deborah Gahr, a physician practicing in Soho. As several of my friends have pointed out, it's a perfect match, as we are both in the baby business. I import baby accessory items, and my wife is an obstetrician. Columbia alumni at my wedding were **Adam Bayroff**, Les Nelkin '87E, '87L, **Eddy Friedfeld**, Ed Goldstein '85, Mark Simon '84, Marc Ripp '80, **Gary McCready** and Leon Friedfeld '88. In addition to juggling at my wedding, I recently performed at the Children's Museum, Sloan Kettering's pediatric ward and on *Good Morning America*. I look forward to demonstrating my five pin juggling routine at our reunion.

Gary McCready is married to Jane and has three children, Benjamin, Madeline and Charlie. After a brief flirtation with a dot.com job in Silicon Valley, he is back on the East Coast managing the computer system for a major stock exchange in New York.

I recently ran into **Danny Schultz** and **David Einhorn** at a dinner honoring Mayor Giuliani. Danny was married several years ago and has two sons, Jackson (25 months) and Philip (5 weeks as this is being written). Danny is the managing partner of Draper Fisher Jurvetson Gotham Ventures. David is an attorney at Anderson Kill & Olick in Manhattan. He specializes in patents, copyrights and trademarks. He is involved with Wine Lovers International (a passion he has kept up with since his Columbia days) and is the producing director of the Untitled Theater Company.

After spending six years in Miami as a professor of religious studies, **Teddy Weinberger** arrived in Israel on Aliyah in 1997 with his wife, Sarah Jane Ross (Barnard '83), and their children, Nathan, Rebecca, Ruthie, Ezra and Elie. Teddy teaches and writes articles for the *Omaha Jewish Press*. He notes, "I won't say the current intifada has not touched us here (a while back we did hear gunshots at night from an army base a few miles away)."

I recently had dinner with Karl-Ludwig Selig. I was joined by alumni Mark Simon '84, **Eddy Friedfeld**, Michael Schmidtberger '82, Joe Cabrera '82 and **Jack Abuhoff**. The Karl-Ludwig Selig Scholarship was recently founded, in perpetuity, for Columbia College students. Professor Selig notes, "I can now share my texts with students from beyond the Great Divine." Jack is the chairman and CEO of Innodata, a market leader in digital content outsourcing solutions for information publishers and digital content owners. They trade on Nasdaq under the symbol INOD. Jack and I are planning several tutorials with Professor Selig on Boccaccio's *The Decameron*. Any interested classmates should contact me.

Kenny Chin recently called to encourage me to attend our law school reunion. He is married to Lisa, has two children, Nicholas and Austin, and is a partner at the law firm Richards & O'Neil in Manhattan. He specializes in banking and finance. Several of our classmates were listed in the reunion directory. **Tim Hughes** is an attorney at Chadbourne & Parke in Manhattan. **Miguel Estrada** is a partner at Gibson Dunn & Crutcher in Washington, D.C., specializing in appellate work. **Howard Adler** is a tax partner at Fried Frank Harris Shriver & Jacobson in Manhattan. **Bert Alexis** is an attorney for Cable & Wireless Global Businesses in London. **George Bogdan** is a portfolio sales executive for Unisys Corporation in New York. **Stuart Levi** is a partner at Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom in New York. He specializes in intellectual property.

Steven Greenfield is the senior editor of The Century Foundation, a non-profit policy research foundation. A dedicated member of Columbia's marching band, Steve had his clarinet stolen from his apartment a number of years ago. However, he still attends all home Lion football games. He reports that another former band member, **Stephen Holtje**, is the classical music and spoken word editor for CDNow.com, an on-line record sales site. Stephen previously was a major contributor to *The Baseball Biographical Encyclopedia*. Finally, Steve reports that **Frank Capalbo** (another former band member) is running Capalbo's Gift Baskets, a major distributor of gift baskets on the east coast.

I had brunch recently with **David Schwarz** in Laguna Beach, Calif. He is a partner at the California law firm Irell & Manella.

Brad Gluck is in practice as a radiologist in eastern Long Island. He recently married Karen Beller. He reports that **Tai Park** has left the U.S. Attorney's Office to enter private practice representing white collar defendants. Tai has given outstanding lectures to Columbia students on his experiences working at the U.S. Attorney's Office.

I haven't spoken in years to **Steven Coleman**, **Ben Geber**, **Andrew Gershon**, **David Harrison**, **Ed Joyce**, **Peter Ripin**, **Robert Urban, Jr.** or **Mark Licht**. Please send an e-mail!

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From lands far flung, we hear from **Peter Field** (p.field@hist.canterbury.ac.nz), who teaches history at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand, and has just written *Ralph Waldo Emerson: The Making of a Democratic Intellectual*. Peter invites all classmates to stop by when in the Antipodes, where "New Zealand's South Island offers astonishing beauty and a minimum of people."

Working our way eastward, left-coaster **Carr D'Angelo** produced his first movie, *The Animal*, starring Rob Schneider and Colleen Haskell, released on June 1. Congrats on this major accomplishment, and kudos on following your dream. Carr was showbiz oriented throughout his College days — we took a class together during senior year called Show Business, starring former Yale Drama Professor Stein, and featuring such class luminaries as **Michael B. Ackerman** (show biz lawyer, and recently married to Erin!) **Adam Belanoff** (TV writer), **Peter Schmidt** (opera singer & playwright) and this writer (shipping agent to the stars).

Closer to home, **Scott Avidon** reports that after 17 years, he's "back in the neighborhood, working at the NYS Worker's Compensation Board's Harlem office" (as an attorney and conciliator). He marvels at all the changes, and he looks forward to bumping into Bill Clinton at Krispy Kreme.

And speaking of bumping into celebrities, **Phil Donahue** (or J. Philip Donahue) and I had a serendipitous *tête-à-tête* around Times Square. Phil's with a computer company based in Philadelphia, where he, his wife and five children reside.

Jim Weinstein, one of our illustrious class senators, son of Ed '57 and brother to Ilene '87, proudly announces that his wife, Alicia, has given birth to twin girls, Miriam Rose and Grace Naomi, class of 2023. From a previous correspondence, Jim noted that "if we do them in pairs, eventually we'll catch up to the Klainbergs (and I'll have a heart attack)!" Jim is in his 10th year at Sumitomo Mitsui, where he heads the power and project finance department. He reports that class president **Larry Kane** — who works in San Francisco, near our other College senator, **El Gray** — was married last summer to Christina. Jim sees **Mark Simon** and his wife, Melissa, regularly, and has occasionally seen **Ed Hewitt**, founder and editor of Row2K.com, the rowing Web site. In Jim's estimation, Ed is "clearly the best known journalist in the rowing world."

With that in mind, can I cox — I mean coax — more of you guys to stay in touch? Dennis@Berklay.com, or info@motorcycleshipping.com.

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We have been blessed with several excellent submissions. Thanks to all who took the time to put down in words what we all want to know: What have you been doing since 1985? Please continue to send updates and news! It was a delight to piece together this column.

Rosemary Hoban writes: "I started in the class of '85, but finished in the class of '86. But my heart (and all of my friends) are '85ers. So I am writing to you. I read once that you were a Peace Corps volunteer, so I figure you're something of a kindred spirit. I took a circuitous route — after graduation I worked overseas in Micronesia with the Jesuit Volunteers, taught drafting and construction at a trade school, ended up doing an additional year in Thailand with the Jesuit Refugee Service, and worked in Cambodian refugee camps. I returned home during the middle of (the elder) Bush's recession and couldn't get a

job with my architecture degree. I had gotten interested in health care anyway so I went back to school and got a BS in Nursing from Catholic U. in 1991. In nursing I've worked inner-city ER, hospice and drug treatment, and I worked home care in NYC for several years (hospice was part of that). Last year I paid off my loans and went to Indonesia with Doctors Without Borders where I ran a program for Madurese refugees in camps in Borneo. Along the way I became a pottery maven and sold a lot of stuff in galleries in N.Y. I'm putting that aside for now. I also began writing a few years ago and decided that I've had it with nursing, so I'm combining everything into one big mess and moving to the Bay area and am studying at Berkeley. I've created my own program—journalism and public health. Back to being a poor student. Back to starting over. This time, however, it feels right. Anyway, now I have no toehold in New York — my home city! Feels weird. No car, no money, few assets. But the past two years have been the best ever."

Stephen Cael Ross (a.k.a. Steve "Flipper" Ross), freshman class president, writes: "I got out of student politicking and became engrossed in Columbia Television, where I produced the culture show *French Encounters* for two years with the help of the French Embassy. After working for five years at several ABC affiliates, I got out of the business and went into teaching. As a Monbusho (Japanese Ministry of Education) Fellow I taught English in high schools in Japan for three years, and now have been teaching college English in Tokyo for four years. I am currently teaching at Sophia University in central Tokyo. I was recently elected social chairperson of the Columbia University Alumni Association of Japan. It is pretty exciting, as the president of our board is former U.N. Undersecretary General Yasushi Akashi. I would like to receive e-mail from all classmates and any Columbians in the land of the rising sun!" (tokyoross@yahoo.com)

Ken Handelman writes: "After 16 years of guilt at not checking in with our *CCT* correspondents, I hereby begin my penance with the following input: One year after we all graduated, I completed one of the better educational deals I have had, the joint program between what was then the School of International Affairs (now SIPA) and the College: a two-year master's with only one extra year of time and tuition. It also allowed me to remain on campus an extra year during the College's transition to co-education. It had a real impact on the atmosphere in the dorms the year after our class graduated, which I can recall from personal experience as a residence assistant in Furnald. Women brought a civilizing element to dorm life that had only begun to make itself felt during our years on campus as Barnard and Engineering women were integrated into the College dormitories. I have been in Washington D.C. and environs virtually since graduation from SIPA. I spent several years on Capitol Hill as a legislative assistant and legislative director for Senator Howard Metzenbaum of Ohio. I handled his foreign affairs and defense portfolios, as well as sundry other business (including food safety, which had me doing surprise inspections of poultry plants in the heat of August, 1993. (I chalk it up to a "career rounding" experience). I retired from the Hill along with Metzenbaum in 1994, having attended law school at night at American University. Since then I have been at the Department of Defense, on a truly extraordinary ride for a former West Side liberal ("former" only applies to West Side) and Democratic Hill staffer. I have worked in peacekeeping, contingency planning and directly for one of the DoD Under Secretaries handling his legal, budget and legislative work. In almost all respects, I have been truly impressed with the caliber of our much-maligned civil service, as well as with the patriotism and professionalism of the U.S. military. I look back on my Columbia days in and out of the classroom as having instilled in me a healthy skepticism of authority, one which I am happy to carry with me. The interesting thing I have learned from my military colleagues is that, in their own way, they have much the same outlook, even if I get to stand at parade rest while they salute. I am currently deputy director for plans in the Office of Requirements and Plans in the Assistant Secretariat for Strategy and Threat Reduction in the Under Secretariat for Policy within the Office of the Secretary of Defense. (I have not made any of this up!) It's merely camouflage for my real job, which of course is too highly classified for me to reveal to my classmates. I married my high school sweetheart, Lisa Loeb, a special educator, who did not attend CU but did attend our senior prom. We live in Bethesda, Md., with Joshua (8), Elana (6), Aaron (4) and Dalia (1+), all of whom have Columbia pajamas, though we rarely coordinate laundry well enough to have them simultaneously in light blue. Hope all is well with all of you."

Steve Quack writes: "I live in Framingham, Mass., and work at Fidelity Investments in Boston as a v.p. in the institutional retirement group. My wife, Alison, and I will be celebrating our 15th year of marriage in August, and had our third child last August. Katie (10), Maggie (6) and Danny (7 months) keep us very busy. Danny, who weighed 9 lbs. 10 oz. at birth, gives his Dad hope that he will someday play for the Lions' football team. I hear from a few '85 classmates periodically. I recently spent a weekend skiing with **Paul Myers** and family. Paul is in commercial real estate in NYC and lives in Pleasantville, N.Y. with his wife, Sally, and their three kids, Abby (9), Zack (7), and James (4). **Kyle Tucci**, wife, Joy, and son Quinn (4) live outside Atlanta where Kyle heads up sales for Paragon Trade Brands. Mike Moynihan '85E and his wife, Patrice, recently had twins (bringing the kid total to four). Mike and his family live in Millis, Pa."

Michael A. Levine, Esq. writes: "I am married to Stephanie Newman, Ph.D. (Stephanie received her Ph.D. from Teachers College, in clinical psychology) and recently became a member of Gursky & Ederer. My primary areas of practice include federal and state court civil litigation, corporate compliance law, including the design and implementation of supplier and manufacturer monitoring programs, white collar criminal law and intellectual property litigation. Before joining Gursky & Ederer, I was the deputy bureau chief of the major narcotics investigations bureau of the Kings County District Attorney's Office in Brooklyn, N.Y., and as a senior assistant district attorney in the organized crime bureau of that office."

Mark A. Rothman writes: "I'm sure I'm like many of my classmates in this experience: when *CCT* arrives I flip immediately to the class notes. And I'll bet like many of my classmates, I do so with curiosity mixed with a twinge of pain. The curiosity comes naturally; I want to read about my friends. But the pain drips from intimidation and inferiority, the perception that nothing I've done compares to the glowing achievements of my peers. True or not, this sense also prevented me from ever sending in my own update. So to all my classmates who experience this strange dialectic, I submit the following challenge: Write in anyway! Inquiring minds (mine at least) want to know. And to kick it off, here is my report: I've been married 12 years to the incomparable Vicki Bernstein Rothman. We have three children, Saul (8), Eitan (5) and Noah (3). Vicki runs the career resources center at Santa Monica College. I run a video production company, Ness Productions, Inc., and work part-time as a legal assistant. My immediate goal is to build up my video business so it can support me full-time. And for those classmates with kids, you will understand why Vicki and I anticipate our upcoming vacation with particular sweetness: We're leaving the kids home."

Joseph Novak writes: "I will be taking up my next assignment with the State Department as head of the political section at the U.S. Embassy in Colombo, Sri Lanka, beginning in July 2001. I will also be accredited to the Maldives Islands. For the past two years I have been working at the NATO desk in the State Department's Bureau of European Affairs."

In addition to the above submissions, I also received news concerning **Jeff Chambers**. He was on the winning side in one of the largest and longest probate cases in recent Texas history. Jeff defended the estate of the late J. Howard Marshall II, a legendary Texas oilman, against challenges from Anna Nicole Smith and the oilman's son. Jeff not only successfully defended Marshall's estate plan but also convinced the jury they should punish the plaintiffs for filing the case — to the tune of $35 million in punitive and actual damages. Jeff received his law degree in 1988 from Texas and began his career as an associate at the law firm of Susman Godfrey in Houston. In 1994, he left Susman Godfrey to form Puls & Chambers in Fort Worth, Texas. In the span of five years Jeff helped the firm obtain $79 million in verdicts and settlements. In early 2000, Jeff founded his own practice in Dallas. The Chambers Law Firm serves plaintiffs in personal injury and business tort litigation.

Kevin Kelly writes: "I left my last position as vice president of Latin American Operations for a company based in Los Angeles in September of 2000 and moved back to New York to help my mom take care of my dad, who was terminally ill. He died in February 2001. I have not yet returned to work, still sorting out things both physical and metaphysical, going to the beach, spending lots of time with my mom and siblings, learning to get around Long Island by car, enjoying the present, wringing pleasure out of each and every moment, determined to LOVE whatever it is I decide to do next, employment-wise. At least as much as managing Furnald Grocery, anyway."

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Thanks to those who came to our 15th reunion in June — for the 98 percent of our class that didn't

show up, you would have been surprised at how good it was to see old faces and reminisce about a campus and neighborhood that has radically changed. The reunion has galvanized several of us to work with Columbia and see how we can get our class more involved. Stay tuned for these initiatives.

Several reports from out west. **Josh Wirtschafter** and his wife, the former Diane Schon (Barnard '86), had a son, Rafael, in March, joining 10-year-old brother, Eli, and 7-year-old sister, Marnina. Josh hopes that Rafi learns the cello so they'll have a family string quartet. They've been living in Berkeley for three years. Josh is an attorney in the San Francisco office of the EPA, focusing on the clean-up of abandoned mines and the enforcement of chemical reporting statutes. Diane, when not on maternity leave, teaches fifth grade.

Rosemary Hoban, who lives in Oakland, is getting a joint degree in public health and journalism and expects to graduate in 2003. She entered the College with the Class of '85, and you can read more about her in their notes. **Mark Goldstein**, in Studio City, announced the birth of his first child, Shira Rose, last December. Mark is an intellectual property attorney with the Los Angeles office of Blakely Sokoloff Taylor & Zafman, and focuses on patent law. Close by is **John Winandy**, an attorney in Century City.

James Glucksman left the consulting track to join Hogan & Hartson, a D.C. law firm, as international business advisor. He'll help advise the firm's clients on cross-border projects and initiatives, especially in the former Soviet Union, China and East Asia. Congratulations to **Paul Dauber** for making partner at PriceWaterhouseCoopers. Paul heads up the tax and legal services marketing group.

1986 Reunion Class photo

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[Editor's note: Columbia College Today *thanks* **Rob Wolf** *for his dedicated service as class correspondent and welcomes* **Sarah Kass** *as his successor and our first overseas correspondent. Thank you, e-mail!]*

I am quite honored to be taking over as class correspondent for the class of '87, and I want to thank my predecessor, **Rob Wolf**, for all his efforts! Great job, Rob, and many thanks! And my undying appreciation goes out to everyone who scrambled to get me information since I took over the column with only 10 days before the deadline! I cannot even begin to tell you how awesome you are!

Some of you may be looking at my address and wondering what that's about, so let me tell you how dramatically my life has changed in the last year! I left my job as photo editor at *The New York Times* in September 2000 to move to London and begin a master's degree (my second, the first being in cinema studies back in 1990) in psychotherapy and counseling at Regent's College. After 13 years at *The New York Times* and 35 years in New York City, I am loving every single minute of my adventure here in England! But at least I can note with pride that back in New York, my brother, Danny Kass '95, a third-year resident in internal medicine at Columbia-Presbyterian, has just been awarded a fellowship in pulmonology at Columbia for 2002, and my father, Alvin Kass '57, is continuing the family tradition of alumni work that I started by chairing his upcoming 45th class reunion. Maybe this is what they mean when they say, "Keep the home fires burning."

And if any of my classmates are coming to or passing through London, I would love to hear from you and have you join me for a pint of bitter at my local pub! Cheers!

During my most recent visit to New York in April, I had the great good fortune of running into **Hannah Jones** outside the Museum of Natural History. She got married this past February and is living in Boston. She is teaching sixth grade at a small, independent school in Cambridge, Mass., and says she's very happy!

I would not be writing this column if it were not for the incomparable **Judy Kim**, the guiding force behind the class of '87. In addition to her work on the upcoming reunion (more about that later), Judy has also been instrumental in getting the Outreach Committee of the Columbia College Alumni Association off the ground. She has also been a volunteer fund-raiser for the Asian-American International Film Festival, which took place this July in New York. Judy recently attended **Rick Russell**'s wedding in Lekeito, Spain, a 600-year-old Basque fishing village. The wedding ceremony was performed in both Spanish and English and featured a traditional sword dance in the middle of the ceremony: four men wearing short white skirts and each holding a shiny knife in each hand danced in the floor space between the alter where the couple stood and the seats. According to Sam Park '88, who also attended the wedding, the sword dance is an ancient fertility ritual. Judy says that Sam's source for this information is the book *From Ritual To Romance* by Jessie L. Weston. The reception was held in San Sebastian, known in Basque as Donostia. Rick's wedding website is http://members.home.net/rrusse2.

Judy reports that **David Perlman** has left the practice of law to open a hip new restaurant, Essex, located at the corner of Essex and Rivington Streets on the Lower East Side. She said it has fabulous food and a great wine selection and Citysearch has already had a party there. David is living on the Upper East Side. **Jill Niemczyk** made partner at TMP Worldwide and is renovating and decorating her new house in Bridgehampton. **Rebecca Turner** is performing as a singer, as is **Lee Ilan**. **Laurie Gershon** is producing a film. **Carol Salt** is designing jewelry.

Cathy Webster is going to be back as first-year class dean at Barnard this year. She is having a great time with her daughter, Meredith, who celebrated her first birthday in May. Cathy is also working on her dissertation in French film and theater, and is hoping to finish sometime in 2002. Her husband, Bill Dycus, left the New York City Police Department and is a senior psychologist at Brookdale Hospital.

Janis Brody has recently published two books: *Your Body: The Girls' Guide* (St. Martin's Press) and *Bringing Home the Laundry: Effective Parenting for College and Beyond* (Taylor Publishing). She earned a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Cal-Berkeley, and is now developing an animated educational television series for kids. She lives in New York City. The *Your Body* book empowers girls to feel good about their bodies just the way they are, and is in stores around the country.

Congratulations to **Suzanne Waltman**, my former colleague on the Alumni Association Executive Board, who has just been elected to the College's Board of Visitors!

Peter Ross reports that **Ted Allegaert** has moved back to New York City and just started as an associate in the litigation group of Weil, Gotshal & Manges.

Andrea Solomon is the assistant dean for academic affairs at the School of General Studies. **Sean Couch** has been writing and producing a hip-hop musical entitled *Echo Park*. It was showcased at the Apollo Theater in June 2000, the first Broadway-style musical ever at the Apollo. *Echo Park* includes an eclectic mix of singing, dancing, acting and rapping. Named for the Bronx Park where the first "break beat" originated, *Echo Park* features the music of a time period that gave rise to a lifestyle. The first installment of a trilogy, which covers 1978-81, depicts the establishment of the D.J. as the "party starter" and the launch of breakdancing. Sean says it will be back at the Apollo in February 2002, and Phil Ramone is also one of the producers.

Jennifer Insogna Donarski had a baby boy on May 15, James Dominic Donarski. He joins his brother, Chase, who is 6. She also reports that her husband, Nic, has launched Donarski Artists Financial Services at Prudential Securities, a portfolio management group fashioned specifically for those earning a living through the arts.

Ron Burton and his wife, Jocelyn, have two kids, Benjamin, 4, and Madeline, 2. He is a partner at Goldfarb & Fleece, a real estate law firm in New York City. He says he is enjoying life in the suburbs (New Rochelle).

Jon Nelson and his wife of nine years, Laura Bothfield, are living in Huntington, N.Y. with their two children, Olivia, 4, and Henry, 18 months. After six years of manage-

ment consulting, Jon went back to graduate school at Teachers College to get a master's degree in teaching English. He has been teaching English at Bay Shore High School for seven years where he also coaches varsity soccer.

Paul Barsky is the head of the history department at the Spence School in New York. He is also traveling to Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam to study Theravada Buddhism and to visit key sites in Vietnam's war for independence.

Susan (Beamis) Rempe has been working for Los Alamos National Lab as a theoretical chemist. Last summer she took a couple extra days after a national science meeting on the east coast to visit former classmates. Susan spent one afternoon in New Jersey at **Lynne (Lada) Azer**'s house to celebrate her youngest daughter's birthday. Joining them were **Laura (Lent) Michnowicz** with her mother and two children and **Annemarie Jurczak**, accompanied by her husband and baby. She enjoyed catching up with these classmates that she spent so much time with at Columbia, both in and out of the swimming pool. Susan and her husband, **Gary Rempe**, are getting ready to move to Albuquerque. Since they are moving near a golf course, they are going to have to substitute golf and tennis for their current rock climbing and kayaking activities. Susan has taken a technical staff position at Sandia National Lab and is looking forward to some exciting research on cell membranes and their ion channels. Gary has started a media business based in Santa Fe that seems to be off to a great start. She is also hoping to track down Liz King '88.

With our 15th reunion less than a year away, I encourage EVERYONE to get involved. We have many events scheduled — including this past April's successful Half King Bar event, the summer picnics and barbeques and a holiday party coming in December at Peter Ross's apartment — to get everyone psyched. Many thanks to **Judy Kim** and all the hard workers on the reunion committees: **Cathy Webster** (parents), **Alex Navab** and **Sean Couch** (athletics), **Renan Pierre**, **Sean Couch** and **Judy Kim** (minority outreach), **Adam Perlmutter**, **Jill Niemcyzk**, **Laurie Gershon**, **Rebecca Turner** (social), **Alex Navab** (fund-raising chair), **Sarah Kass** (European regional reunion chair), **Joongi Kim** (Asian regional reunion chair), **Janis Brody**, **Luciano Sirancuso**, **Yale Fergang**, **Amy Smith**, **Lee Ilan**, **Dora Kim**, **Rob Wolf**, **Chris Beeby**, **Gus** and **Dawn Moore**, **Peter Ross** and **Gerri Gold**. Anyone interested in joining this group and working on the reunion, or who just wants to come have fun at the pre-reunion events, should please contact Judy Kim at judy@cat.nyu.edu.

Please e-mail me with all the latest tidbits! News from my mates back in the colonies is always greatly appreciated!!!!

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Every time this year, my mind turns to thoughts of Camp Columbia and the years spent… the Pub and Alma, Cannon's and College Walk, Furnald, East Campus and Carman, sights and sounds that now resonate more clearly in memory than ever they did in reality. Smudged recall notwithstanding, as the years roll by, more and more of us have found other touchstones upon which to attach fond remembrance.

As evidence, I submit the story of **Deborah Shenfeld** and the birthing of her second child, Jacob Evan, who entered this world somewhere on the FDR Drive while mother and father were speeding from Scarsdale to the maternity ward. But proving its indelible connective power once again, Columbia would not be so easily overcome: one of the doctors who helped Debbie upon arrival was **Helaine Worrell**, who began as a member of '88, but graduated in '89.

David Stoll is now senior counsel at Simpson Thatcher in NYC. He concentrates on estate planning, trust administration and charitable giving. And charity, as I seem to recollect, was a major contributor to my College experience.

Sandy Asirvatham wrote me looking for **Dean Anderson**. Sandy: I try to blot out Deano and all the times he slithered through hands that wanted to wring his neck for waking me up drunk at 5 a.m. Memories, both good and bad, have a way of taking on a life of their own as they grow, mature and finally rot in our minds. For that and other reasons (mainly poor record-keeping) I don't have a forwarding address for him. Sorry.

Paige Sinkler wrote me again, in completion of her former missive. This time Paige attached a years-earlier letter in which she expressed some trepidation at the breadth and depth of our class' success. Despite the fact that Paige is not a lawyer or CEO, nor has she written an award-winning comedy series or helped liberate a small nation, she has gotten a second BS, started and dropped a Ph.D., married and divorced and still wonders what she wants to be when she grows up. Aside from a strange curiosity about my last name, Paige (I'd say, and expect you all to agree) has certainly built a mansion of experience upon which to blur many, many wonderful memories.

It is those bits of information that make me ever so pleased that I have done this job for as long as I care to remember.

Baker Field, Levien Gym, South Lawn, "Who Owns New York?"

My memories are just fine, regardless of the clarity of the lens through which I look back upon them. I trust all of yours are as well.

And hey: let's all support the football team this year. The way I remember it, they deserve it.

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Angelica Maria Perez lives in Riverdale and has two children, India and Carlos, who are 6 and almost 1, respectively. India is in the first grade at Fieldston Lower School, and Carlos is crawling all over the place. Angelica completed her doctoral degree in clinical psychology in 1998, and after six years of psychotherapy and clinical work at a not-for-profit community clinic in northern Manhattan, she decided to move into the field of research and neuropsychology. Two years ago, she joined a research team in an Alzheimer's disease (AD) research center at NYU School of Medicine, where she is an assistant research professor. She also is the co-director of the Memory Evaluation Research Program, a memory diagnostic clinic that outreaches and recruits ethnically and culturally diverse patient populations with cognitive impairments, dementia and AD. Angelica also serves as the director of the Ethnosociocultural Research Program in AD, which investigates the cultural and social aspects of the disease. This month, not slowing down a bit, she begins coursework in a neuropsychology respecialization program at Queens College. One of her long-term goals is to establish a culturally and language-sensitive memory diagnostic clinic for Latino populations. On an alumni note, Angelica observes that over the years, she has not seen much in the way of news in this column on a "small but fun group" of Latinas and Latinos with whom she spent time. So I encourage you to get in touch to share your news.

Ian Kohlhaas moved to Indianapolis in 1995. Until recently, he was practicing law, having earned a J.D. from Pepperdine. He how is with Northwestern Mutual, where he is a financial representative. He keeps up with good friend **Matt Nettleton**, who is also in Indiana, working as a real estate agent. He is married and has two toddlers under the age of 2, Michael, the elder, and Grace, the younger. Rich Penola '95, who spent some time with us at Columbia and was freshman roomie to **Chris Lorentz**, is in the area as well, notes Ian. Ian also keeps up with **Paul Richardson**, who we wrote about a number of columns ago. As a refresher, Paul is a detective working for Scotland Yard. He now is married to his long-time girlfriend, Robbie, who, Ian notes, spent at least a few evenings visiting at the 'Plex. The Richardsons have two daughters.

Congratulations are due **Renny Smith** and his wife, Hana. Renny's second child, Elias Reesor Smith, was born at 9:51 p.m., Tuesday, April 24. Elias came in at 10 pounds 6 ounces — "So much for inducing early for lower birth weight," noted dad — and 21½ inches, and was born with his eyes open, looking around, and lots of hair compared to what Sam, Renny's first child, had. Hana, "patron saint of childbirth," recovered nicely and was impressed by Elias's feistiness. For those of you crew enthusiasts, a number of months ago Renny sent out the following: "Don't know if anybody besides me cares, but here's a link to Eastern Sprints results. Lightweights fared well by our standards, though the kids are probably pretty dejected that only the first frosh got hardware. Heavyweights generally stayed out of the truck finals, which is an improvement." The connection between his select group of e-mail recipients, including **Ashima Dayal**, **Lisa Landau**, **Alex Margolies**, **Justin O'Grady**, **Sarah Roediger**, **Jon Sturt**, **Dave Winter**, and myself, no doubt, was the loose theme of former crew teammates and general Columbia sports enthusiasts. The race at hand took place on Sunday, May 13, amidst a strong tailwind, in Worcester, Mass.

Following graduate school and law school, **Steve Bibas** worked for a number of judges and a law firm, "prosecuting grave robbers and other sordid characters in Manhattan." He has since moved to the ivory tower, as a professor of criminal law at Iowa College of Law. It's a long way from Morningside Heights, both physically and mentally, says Steve, but he's enjoying getting used to a place where the people are "downright chipper and smile at you on the street instead of worrying that you might mug them if they make eye contact."

When **Jared Goldstein** last wrote, he was a jet-setting dot.commer, doing deals for Web sites. As 2000 wore one, Jared notes, the jet-setting led to some bumpy landings. In late December 2000, he re-met with

UHAB.org, where he first worked for a number of years after graduating from college. In those days, at Urban Homesteading Assistance Board, he worked with **Tom Kamber** and Bill Lipton '90. Tom and Bill have moved on, but both continue to be involved with progressive politics. Tom is busy with his new Brooklyn house and baby, Abbi. He recently hosted several alumni after a political fund-raiser, where other Columbians were present including Len Lidov '90, **Peter Metsopoulos**, proud father of baby, Enzo, with Christine Grillo '90, and **John Loza,** proud father of baby, Columbine. Back to Jordan's professional update: In December 2000 at UHAB, he met with former colleague, Sarah Hovde, who was "quite pregnant" at the time, and is daughter of the "legendary" professor and former dean, Carl Hovde, to discuss how UHAB can deliver its services online. Jared has been at UHAB ever since, helping implement its online vision and raising funds to support it. So, he went "from dot.commer to dot.commie," and is really enjoying it.

Jason Carter attended NYU School of Law. After graduating in 1992, he began a clerkship in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. He joined a large NYC law firm for a number of years before moving to Virginia to work at the Department of Justice as the attorney in the criminal division, Office of International Affairs. He specializes in international and criminal law, with assignments covering the United Kingdom, Ireland, the English Caribbean, and the entire African continent. His work involves negotiating treaties and the return of fugitives, including murderers, drug dealers, rapists, hijackers and "other nasties." He regularly sees his work and the work of his colleagues reflected in newspaper articles, but, as he notes, only a real criminal law buff would notice. He has been in harm's way at least once, having the misfortune of experiencing first-hand a terrorist bombing in Uganda.

On the personal front, Jason met Dorothy Patton, a Cornell undergraduate alumna, during law school, and the two married in 1994. Jason and Dorothy are the proud parents of Jordon, who was born in February 1998, and Adam, who was born this May. Jason notes that he's little changed since college — he's still tall, skinny and fast-talking, but has since lost the mustache! He keeps in regular contact with **Greg Lee** and **Steve Mack**. In the fall of 2000, Greg married Jane Schaefer '90E, and the two had their first child, Ryan. Greg earned an M.B.A. from NYU, and works in the banking industry in NYC. He and his family live in Westchester. Steve earned his Ph.D. from Cal-Berkeley and is engaged in research for a major pharmaceuticals company in California.

Susan Crane provided an addendum to the last column. You may remember that **Susan Shin** took a new job at Brown Raysman, filling the spot as head of their trademark practice. What I did not mention is that Susan replaced a fellow member of our class, namely **Susan Crane**. Susan left Brown Raysman to join Cendant Corporation as its senior intellectual property counsel; she is based in the Parsippany, N.J., office. Susan works with **John Kim**, who joined Cendant last fall in their NYC office. Small world, huh?

Cybele Maria Merrick and her husband, James Graham, welcomed their son, Ramon Del Pozo Graham, into the world on March 18, 2001. At the time of her writing, Cybele was on leave from her job as librarian at the Vera Institute of Justice, a non-profit organization, to care for her son. She notes that motherhood is the most difficult thing she's ever done, yet so rewarding. Ramon has recently entered the cooing-and-smiling phases, and Cybele notes that she and James are eagerly looking forward to the sleeping-through-the-night phase.

On a final note, much thanks to the Myers-Briggs enthusiasts who wrote in, namely three classmates and a few other Columbians beyond '89. Keep the news coming!

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A few loyal readers have e-mailed me some news. As for the rest of you, come on people! Humor me early on in my career and I'll make you look good later! **Seth Ness** was the first to write: "You probably don't remember me but I graduated CC in '90 and spent the next eight years getting an M.D., Ph.D. at Albert Einstein. I'm still in training even after all these years, in the third year of a five-year medical genetics residency at Mount Sinai Medical Center, one of only two or three such spots in the country. Only two more years to go before I get a real job. I married Judith Goldberg, sister of classmate **Daniel Goldberg**, and we just had a son, Elisha, to follow our 2-year-old daughter, Michal. We all live in a miniscule apartment in East Harlem. Speaking of **Daniel Goldberg**, he completed two residencies, in internal medicine and ophthalmology, and is now a retinal surgery fellow at UCSD." Thanks, Seth, and great to hear from you.

Dana Royce Baerger also had a word for us. "After college, I got both a J.D. (from Cornell) and a Ph.D. in psychology (from Northwestern). I'm now a clinical and forensic psychologist in Chicago, where I live with my husband, Nick. I miss New York City bagels intensely — Chicago bagels are pretty pathetic. Any former Columbians traveling through Chicago can feel free to camp out in our apartment, provided that they bring some NYC bagels with them."

The final doctor writing in was **Ijeoma Acholonu**. Y'all probably remember her as EJ. "I will be starting my final year in general surgery residency at Howard University Hospital July 1. This will be my seventh year in training since finishing P&S. I did two years of research in between my residency. Talk about prolonging the agony! I cannot wait to move on. I am, however, considering a fellowship."

A hearty congratulations to **Wendy Hayward** and her husband, Rich, who welcomed their first child, Cody Fox Wendling, into the world on May 23. **J.T. Knight** will teach law this fall at Tulane.

I will wind things up by highlighting several of my CC classmates (amazing I can remember after all this time, isn't it?). E-mail from **Chris Alexander**, who usually sat in the middle of the room: "After stints as a spokesman for various ABC News programs, Barbara Walters and the children's cable network Nickelodeon, I left New York last year and moved to Los Angeles with my partner Michael Ruff. I now handle media relations on behalf of Twentieth Century Fox Television, specifically for *Ally McBeal*, *The Practice*, *Boston Public*, *Judging Amy* and an upcoming sitcom starring Reba McEntyre. Highlights of the past year include fielding press calls on the rise and fall of *Ally* star Robert Downey Jr., and exploring sunny Southern California in my very first car."

It was great to receive a letter from Carman 13er **Hilary Nover Klein** (sat in back of room), who lives in Bethesda, Md., with her husband of eight years, Steve Klein. They have two sons: Jack, born in May, and Sam, who is 5. Hilary received her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from George Washington in August 2000. Hilary passed on information on some Carman 13-mates. **Yvonne Knapp** (sat near Hilary), who married her student adviser Nikos Andreadis '88 five years ago, received her M.S. in Speech Pathology in 1995 from Teachers College. They have a 2-year old daughter, Sophia, and live on Long Island. Yvonne is working full-time as a mom and part-time at Manhattan Eye, Ear, and Throat as a speech pathologist. **Melissa Raciti** married Jon Knapp '91 in 1997. In May 2000, Melissa made partner at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, an international law firm. In their limited free time, Melissa and Jon restore their circa 1926 house. Melissa says for some reason, she refuses to see the movie, *The Money Pit*. **Alexandria (Arias) McCauley** married Scott McCauley in 1998, and their daughter, Catalina, was born in May 2000. After leaving private practice as a labor and employment attorney, Alex went to NBC as manager of labor relations. She is now NBC's director of human resources.

Judy Shampanier and her husband, Mike Bowen, are happy to announce that they are homeowners. They welcomed as their first "official" guests **Joel Tranter** and me (we sat in back of CC classroom, too). They've found themselves a great house, just blocks from the Pelham, N.Y. train station, and they've called in **Isaac Astrachan** to redesign their 1940s kitchen.

It appears that I have come to the end of my column. Please, everyone, zap me some news!

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Ten years after, things seemed smaller.

For our 10th reunion, the Steps, the bars, the restaurants — the entire campus felt as if it had somehow been put in a very large Xerox machine and reduced by 20 percent. But because of **Steve Weinstein** and the rest of the reunion committee, this odd shrinkage was barely noticed by our classmates. The weekend was wildly successful (and informally ended at the "new and unimproved" West End at 2:45 a.m.).

Two general observations about people who attended this event:

1. Many are really successful and married with kids.

2. Some still aren't, thank God.

There are too many disparate elements to weave together in a single coherent column, so rather than freak out and damn me to hell ("I can't believe Bob didn't mention my awesome job at Union Carbide!""), just send me an e-mail and remind me what you told me about your life on that moon-lit June night that was suffused in gin (at least for me).

Gigi Gonzalez and **Miguel Centeno** were among the first people I ran into at the Carriage House, where we had our class dinner (and where I managed to smuggle in **John Griffin** and **Patrick Flynn**,

Alumni Sons and Daughters

Seventy members of the Class of 2005 are sons or daughters of Columbia College alumni.

STUDENT	FATHER
John N. de Bary *Cos Cob, Conn. • Greenwich H.S. Sheldon*	Paul de Bary '68
John R. Abrashkin *Northampton, Mass. • Northampton H.S.*	William Abrashkin '66
Marc N. Aspis *Scarsdale, N.Y. • Ramaz School*	Harold B. Aspis '75
Stephanie E. Bagley *Briarcliff Manor, N.Y. • Briarcliff Manor H.S.*	Parker H. Bagley '79
Eli C. Bauman *Los Angeles, Calif. • Oakwood School*	Jonathan Paul Bauman '68
Diana J. Benton *Weston, Conn. • Weston H.S.*	Arnold Benton '53
Alexandra C. Berkman *Atlanta, Ga. • Atlanta International School*	Stuart M. Berkman '66
Daniel J. Binder *Scarsdale, N.Y. • Scarsdale H.S.*	Jack Binder '71
Clifford K. Carson *Shaker Heights, Ohio • Shaker Heights H.S.*	Clifford Carson '78
Anya E. Cherneff *Armonk, N.Y. • Byram Hills H.S.*	Peter Cherneff '68
Phoebe D. Connell *South Salem, N.Y. • John Jay H.S.*	Thomas H. Connell III '64
Michael J. Dial *San Pedro, Calif. • Loyola H.S.*	Stephen F. Dial '76
JonAlf Dyrland-Weaver *Brooklyn, N.Y. • Stuyvesant H.S.*	John Weaver '49
Kathryn V. Ebner *Bardonia, N.Y. • Clarkstown H.S.*	William P. Ebner '73
Jesse S. Edell-Berlin *Milwaukee, WI • University School of Milwaukee*	Jon S. Berlin '74
Ruven Ellberger *Livingston, N.J. • Kushner Yeshiva HS*	Larry Ellberger '68
Jason M. Elliott *Palo Alto, Calif. • Palo Alto H.S.*	Marc Porat '72
Aaron M. Farber *Niskayuna, N.Y. • Niskayuna H.S.*	Martin Farber '71
Joseph A. Feldman *Teaneck, N.J. • Frisch School*	Charles H. Feldman '66
Ella M. Foshay-Rothfeld *New York, N.Y. • Taft School*	Michael Rothfeld '69
Joshua E. Freed *Evanston, Ill. • Ida Crown Jewish Academy*	Mayer Freed '67
Sabrina P. Geer *New York, N.Y. • Brearley School*	Stephen Geer '51
William B. Gerrard *Chappaqua, N.Y. • Horace Greeley H.S.*	Michael B. Gerrard '72
Matthew C. Grossman *Hewlett Harbor, N.Y. • George W Hewlett H.S.*	Peter Grossman '79
Robert D. Gutmann *Ann Arbor, Mich. • St. John's School*	Myron Gutmann '71
Katharine J. Harlow *Minneapolis, Minn. • Blake School*	James Lee Harlow '69
Katherine S. Helfet *Kentfield, Calif. • Taft School*	Anthony Bernard Helfet '66
Michael T. Hilton *New Rochelle, N.Y. • New Rochelle H.S. Two*	Kenneth S. Hilton '77
Francesca S. Hoffman *Old Westbury, N.Y. • Roslyn H.S.*	Joel Hoffman '67
David M. Jacobson *Champaign, Ill. • University Laboratory HS*	Howard Jacobson '62
Elizabeth S. Kabak *Westport, Conn. • Staples H.S.*	Edward Kabak '66
Rebecca S. Karp *East Brunswick, N.J. • East Brunswick H.S.*	George Karp, '72
Joanna T. Katz *New York, N.Y. • Trinity School*	James C. Katz '72
John W. Kluge *Charlottesville, Va. • Phillips Academy*	John W. Kluge Sr. '37
Michelle K. Ko *Glen Head, N.Y. • North Shore H.S.*	Wilson Ko '78
Derrick F. Koo *Armonk, N.Y. • Byram Hills H.S.*	Richard Koo '74
Mollie M. Kornreich *New York, N.Y. • Hunter College H.S.*	Edward Kornreich '74
Michael J. Kraft *Great Neck, N.Y. • Ramaz School*	Robert L. Kraft '74
Michael A. Krulwich *Ridgefield, Conn. • St Luke's School*	Jeffrey Krulwich '65
Katherine A. Lane *Weston, Conn. • Green Farms Academy*	Edward Lane '72
David R. Lehman *Old Westbury, N.Y. • Jericho H.S.*	Mark E. Lehman '73
Zachary A. Leiwant *Morris Plains, N.J. • Whippany Park H.S.*	Charles Leiwant '74
Evan M. Lowy *Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y. • Hastings H.S.*	Franklin Lowy '68
Samantha W. Luk *Villanova, Pa. • Baldwin School*	Henry C. Luk '73
Aaron S. Marcovy *University Heights, OH • St Ignatius H.S.*	Timothy Marcovy '74
Brianne N. Mitchell *Santa Monica, Calif. • Santa Monica H.S.*	Briane Nelson Mitchell '76
Melinda C. Muller *Berkeley, Calif. • Berkeley H.S.*	Richard Muller '64
Andrew B. Nightingale *Scarsdale, N.Y. • Scarsdale H.S.*	Jeffrey Nightingale '67
Burke J. O'Donnell *Peru, Vt. • Kent School*	Joseph W. O'Donnell '64
Charles S. Pope *New York, N.Y. • Fieldston School*	Joseph D. Pope '72
Zachary E. Rose *New York, N.Y. • Horace Mann School*	Eric Rose '71
Abigail M. Rubenstein *Newton, Mass. • Winsor School*	Eli Rubenstein '71
Melina C. Rutter *Mill Valley, Calif. • Branson School*	Peter Rutter '65
Philip A. Sandick *Naples, Fla. • Berkshire School*	Bennett C Sandick '70
Daniel R. Sarna-Wojcicki *Palo Alto, Calif. • Palo Alto H.S.*	Andrei M. Wojcicki '59
Joanna R. Schacter *Harrison, N.Y. • Ramaz School*	Steven Schacter '72
Joshua A. Schickman *Berkeley, Calif. • College Preparatory School*	Mark Schickman '71
Jennifer R. Schwartz *Montclair, N.J. • Montclair H.S.*	Harris A. Schwartz '59
Marc E. Schwarzberg *Boca Raton, Fla. • Spanish River H.S.*	Robert Schwarzberg '74
Maia L. Selinger *Denver, Colo. • George Washington H.S.*	Howard Selinger '71
David E. Shamoon *Great Neck, N.Y. • Great Neck South H.S.*	Alan Shamoon '73
Mark H. Shawhan *Delmar, N.Y. • Bethlehem Central H.S.*	Peter Shawhan '75
Avraham E. Shinnar *New Rochelle, N.Y. •* *Torah Academy of Bergen County*	Shlomo Shinnar '71
Jonathan M. Shukat *New York, N.Y. • Fieldston School*	Sanford Shukat '58
Carolyn R. Siegel *Boca Raton, Fla. • St Andrew's School*	David Burton Siegel '71
Ann C. Staver *St. Louis, Mo. • Clayton H.S.*	Charles Paul Staver '71
Keri J. Wachter *New York, N.Y. • Choate Rosemary Hall*	Lionel Goetz '65
Daniel I. Wolf *New York, N.Y. • Fieldston School*	Steven J. Wolf '73
Demetrios P. Yatrakis *Brooklyn, N.Y. • Packer Collegiate Institute*	Peter Yatrakis '62
Scott E. Zakheim *Silver Spring, Md.* *Melvin J Berman Hebrew Academy*	Dov Zakheim '70

Five sons and daughters of Columbia College faculty are also members of the Class of 2005.

STUDENT NAME	FACULTY PARENT
Kaveh Dabashi *Livingston, N.J.* *Pingry School*	Hamid Dabashi (MEALC)
Paul Andrew Reyfman *New York, N.Y.* *Stuyvesant H.S.*	Irina Reyfman (Slavic Languages)
Daniel Joseph Tellier *Suffern, N.Y.* *Suffern H.S.*	Ray Tellier (Athletics)
Demetrios P. Yatrakis *Brooklyn, N.Y.* *Packer Collegiate Institute*	Kathryn Yatrakis (Dean's Office)
Nancy Mary Yerkes *Salisbury, Conn.* *Housatonic Valley Regional H.S.*	David M. Yerkes (English)

who now owe me an e-mail, as does **Lara Tabac**). Gigi and Migs, who have been married for seven years, sent me the following, which mostly concerns nuptials:

Migs got his M.P.A. from NYU and was working for the Brooklyn Borough President Howard Golden in economic development until January. He now works at the Small Business Administration in marketing. Gigi got her M.S. in teaching and education from Fordham and teaches in the East New York section of Brooklyn. **Jeasmine Aizprua** married **Ruben Rivera** a couple of years ago; they have a son and changed their last name to Aizvera. **Michael Camacho** married **Patty Labrada** several years ago; they live in Rockland County and came down for the reunion. **Jamie Carter** married Darien Jorif '92; they now live in Baldwin, L.I. with their daughter. **Maritza de la Vega** married **Martin Munnelly** a few years back; they had their reception at the Faculty House. **Cecilia Delgardo** married **Juan DeLeon**; they live in Boston and have a daughter. **J.J. Hernandez** was married in March; he and his wife, Kim, work at NYU's Bobst Library and live in the Village. **Alicia Thomas** was present for the wedding, as were Migs and Gigi. **Elizabeth Levy** is a psychologist, married and living in Austin, Texas.

One of the nicest guys in our whole class, **Jason Robinson**, married **Denise Archie** in August, 1999. Several fellow Columbians were in attendance including **Faustina Haynes**, **Juny Francois**, **Evans Kissi** and **Milton Villanueva** — as well as Migs and Gigi. Jason and Denise are living on Long Island. Milton married right before Christmas last year and he and his wife, Ivelisse, work in Manhattan and live in Riverdale.

Gigi ended her massive missive by saying I should give the reunion's creative fashion award to **Elijah Schachter** for his pink pants at the class dinner. I guess I missed them.

Part of my reunion night was getting together with my fellow former wonks from the *Spec* managing board of 1990-91 at V&T's for pizza. Almost everyone made it except for Julie Zuckerman, Barnard '91, who lives in Israel with her husband and kids, and **Paul Kuharsky**, who was too lazy to tear himself away from the class dinner. **Evan Schultz**, one of our former news editors, was in rare form and sent me a good little e-mail summing up what's going on in his life and providing updates on some other classmates.

Evan describes himself as a "recovering lawyer cum political/legal pundit. After graduating from law school at University of Virginia in 1995, I clerked for two judges (one in Alaska, one in Florida), then came to D.C .to work at a law firm. And they treated me too well, meaning that they were doing everything right and I still didn't love it." After a year of freelancing, Evan landed a job at *Legal Times* in Washington, where he writes a column every two weeks, along with occasional other writing and reporting.

1991 Reunion Class photo

Evan also provided the following info: **David Kaufman** is now a doctor and teaching at Penn Medical School. He is married, and he and his wife, Anto, just had their first child, Diego. **Susie Wood** is spending the year working in Tblisi, Georgia, for a public service organization that encourages economic development in that part of the world. **Mike Socolow** finished his Ph.D. in American History at Georgetown and will be teaching at Brandeis this fall. His wife, **Connie McVey**, works for the District of Columbia in child psychology and therapy. **Ranjan Satija** is spending a few months in Spain after the dot.com he worked for went bust. **Keith Green** works at Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, and has also written several plays, of which at least two have been produced. **Matt Segal** is working in the antitrust division of the Justice Department in San Francisco. **Ani Mekhjian** is an emergency room doctor and married. **Marcellene Hearn** is finishing up a two-year stint with the NOW Legal Defense Fund, and will start working at a law firm in NYC later this fall. Thank you, Evan.

George Takoudes and his wife, Tamara '92, are the proud parents of Alexander Christos Takoudes, who entered the world on May 7. **Joel Rubenstein** also is bursting with joy and spreading the news that his son, Lucas Emil Rubenstein, was born on March 26 in Hoboken, N.J.

John Ehlinger worked at Morgan Stanley for five years, then went back to Columbia for his M.B.A. and graduated in '98. He moved to Los Angeles and joined Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette as an investment banker doing leveraged finance and telecommunications (which sounds complicated.) Since DLJ was acquired by Credit Suisse First Boston, John writes, "I don't know what I am doing but I drink all the Swiss Miss I want for free." John married Sarah Stone, Barnard '91, in 1997 and recently bought a house in Brentwood "a couple of blocks from where Monica Lewinsky's dad lives and where some lunatic killed Nicole Brown Simpson. (We had to get a security system because the neighbors reminded us that the real killer was never caught.) Sarah is acting and writing." **Neil Troffkin** is a neurosurgeon living in Miami and completing what he hopes is his final fellowship. Apart from being a swell fellow, Neil has specialized in a highly-technical surgical procedure where he guides tiny robotic cables through the body's arteries and up into the brain to remove tumors and clip aneurysms (which makes me feel like my job is really important).

I did not see **Lee Benaka** at our reunion, which made me sad, but he sent me a great note with the news that he and Danielle Feuillan, Barnard '91, are the proud parents of two children, including Dinah Laurel Benaka, born on Oct. 25. They are still in D.C., where Lee is working for the National Marine Fisheries Service, which is part of the Department of Commerce. Lee tried out to be on *The Weakest Link* but didn't make it. He was always my strongest link in college. Oh, well.

The groovy **Tina Fitzgerald** (the MVP of correspondents) tells me that when she was at the International Medieval Congress in Kalamazoo, Mich., she ran into **Samantha Kahn Herrick**. Samantha went to Oxford after Columbia and is getting her Ph.D. in history at Harvard and also specializing in the medieval period.

Josh Machleder is living in Ashkent, Uzbekistan, and was sad to have missed the reunion. Josh is the county director of Internews, which works with mass media in the former Soviet Union. Josh also has a small speaking part in a French film that will be released in autumn called *Shimkent*, where he plays an American backpacker in Tashkent. Josh says the film's producer promised him that his lines weren't cut. We will see.

Stephen Jansen has worked in finance since graduation, taking two years off to get an M.B.A. at Chicago. Since October, he's been covering European technology for T. Rowe Price International in London. He says he's been to more plays in the last five months than in the prior five years. So far Stephen has just found one other classmate in London: **Lex Maldutis**, who works in the fixed income division of Morgan Stanley. Stephen is proposing creating a Columbia Club in London. (I know that **Satoshi Kitahama** is also working in London, so there's at least three of you there.)

OK, folks, that's all for now. Please write. Cheers.

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You'll understand if I feel a little more like the mythological stork, rather than your humble class correspondent this time. Much baby-related news to report.

Tamara Takoudes is finishing her residency in OB/GYN at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in Boston and starting a fellowship in maternal fetal medicine at Women and Infant's Hospital of Rhode Island (at Brown). She and her husband, George '91, had their first child on May 7 — Alexander Christos Takoudes, weighing in at 8 lbs.! She said, "All are well and very happy to be here!"

Claire Deegan-Kent and her husband, Bob Kent, had their

second daughter, Nessa Anne, on February 10, 2000. Their daughter, Audrey, is now 3, "so our house is hopping." Bob has left the practice of law to join the U.S. Air Force. Their family will be relocating to the Rheinland district of Germany for the next three years, having just spent a year in West Texas.

Deborah Frey and her husband, Andres Frey '90E, welcomed Eric Michael Frey on June 13, after a nine-hour labor. He weighed in at 9 pounds and was 19 inches long. Mom reports Eric is doing well and big brother Daniel is adjusting very well. "He mostly just wants to hug and hold the baby, but doesn't know how strong he is when he does so."

On March 6, **Laura Weinfeld** and her husband, Dr. Paul Damski, welcomed into the world twin daughters, Julia Sarah and Maya Hannah. Julia is a blond and Maya is a brunette. "Both are adorable and loads of fun," she says.

An honorary member of the Class of 1992, James "Jim" Woody, asked me to announce the arrival of James R. Woody, III. He was born on June 26 and was 8 pounds, 8 ounces and 20 inches long. Jim reports that his daughter, Ashton, is fascinated with her new little brother and that his wife, Tara, is doing very well.

This isn't to say that there wasn't news that didn't involve expansion of the '92 family.

Cassandra Bowen-O'Neal has left American Express Financial Advisors and is now in charge of marketing and inside sales at Sisters3 in Seattle. That's the company that makes Teddytoes, the blanket with feet.

Clay Arnold is still living in Rochester, N.Y. and practicing law at Harter, Secrest & Emery. Clay has switched from being a litigator (which he had done for his first five years) to the corporate department, where he focuses on mergers and acquisitions. Clay called it "an exciting change." He had planned a get together with fellow '92ers **Ashish Ja**, **Matt Grant** and **Jon Dowell** (all of whom live in San Francisco) for the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival.

Finally, **Nomi Levy** plans to start medical school as a member of the Weill Medical College of Cornell University, Class of 2005. She had been working at Doctors Without Borders/Medecins Sans Frontieres on the Campaign for Access to Essential Medicines until then. Nomi asked a fair question: are there other Post-Bac medical students among the Class of 1992? Please let me know by e-mail and I'll pass along the information.

Bear in mind that by the time you read this, we'll be less than a year away from our 10th reunion. If there's any information you'd like to convey to your classmates before then, I'm happy to help. Just e-mail it to me, and I'll get it into the next column.

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Career changes may be on their second or third turn, children are being born, and as long as the R-word has not quite made it's way to this side of the class notes page again, that's the way we like it.

One reunion that already made a splash was El Regreso, the Latino alumni homecoming event **Grissel Seijo** chaired in April. There was an excellent crowd, and the dancing — like there was any doubt — went on until after 3 a.m. Look for pictures (there better be pictures, hermanito) on the Web site at http://www.laacu.org. If you seek more information on the Latino alumni association, e-mail Grissel, its secretary, at gb73@columbia.edu. Not long ago Grissel left her work at alumni affairs to manage the presidential search committee office, where I've no doubt she wields much influence. Warm congrats to you.

Margo Jovel finished a master's in public health policy and management at Johns Hopkins and is on her way to earning an M.D. She will do her residency in emergency medicine.

Blame **Joe Calcagno** for this. He reports that his friend **Joe Ori** is trying to legally change his name to Tony Soprano. "Ori is the consummate big shot," came the Calcagno quote.

In 1999, **Christine Raker** and two friends started Tickmark Solutions, a software company that made just over $1 million last year and continues to heat up.

Despite the successes reflected in this column, the number of e-mail messages flowing from every corner of the globe was unusually small, so put down that cell phone and please feed the machine.

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Dominique Chlup, who didn't start with our class but graduated with us, earned an MFA in writing at Sarah Lawrence in 1997. She's published quite a few short stories and poems, and won a fellowship to finish her master's thesis, a novel. "I had the opportunity to be in Jamaica Kincaid's writing workshop last year," she writes. She worked as an assistant professor and liberal arts department chair for two years at a small, two-year private college in New York, then she returned to school to get a second master's at Harvard's Graduate School of Education. She finished last year and was accepted into the doctoral program on a full fellowship. Her focus is on the history of women's prison education. "The story behind this is that I actually got my 'calling' to be a teacher when I was volunteer teaching, while I was at Sarah Lawrence, for a year at a women's jail in New York," she writes. Dominique returns to New York often to visit her boyfriend, whom she's known since age 8. "We hadn't seen each other since high school graduation when we re-met two years ago at a friend's party. It's been true love ever since," she writes. He works for Sony, and was nominated for a Grammy last year and won one this year. "The Grammy ceremonies, both times, were truly thrilling (a little more exciting the second time when he won and got to go up on stage, etc.)," she said.

Mala Iqbal finished a solo exhibition of new paintings at the Snug Harbor Cultural Center on Staten Island in June and July. After grad school at the Rhode Island School of Design, two years at the Fine Arts Work Center and an artist residency in Provincetown, Mass., Mala returned to New York for two group shows in June at the Sara Meltzer Gallery and LFL Gallery in Chelsea, and another show in September at the PPOW Gallery (476 Broome Street) in Soho.

Helen McBrearty e-mailed from Los Angeles that she and a partner started a company called Webisodic Productions — www.webisodicpro.com. They produce live and video-on-demand streaming media packages for companies. "Recently, I won the Gracie Allen award in broadcast/ web convergence for the production of a live Webcast featuring a breast cancer patient and her choice to have a mastectomy," she said. "It was very exciting!" Helen reports she's learning Italian and going to Italy in the fall to see the harvesting of the wine grapes. "My boyfriend and I are actually going to try our hands at making our own wine," she writes. **Jeremy Piques** is also in L.A. in the marina area, working in the world of finance, according to Helen.

More L.A. stories: **Brian Frank** and **Laura Margolis Frank** are also doing well. Brian and a business partner have started a company called Lookout Development Partners that does consulting for Internet and entertainment companies. (Check his company out at lookoutdp.com.) Yes, that's Laura you are seeing on television. She's appeared on commercials for Folger's coffee, Priceline.com (she's wearing a wig à la Marlo Thomas) and Sony Walkman. You can also watch her on episodes of *The Huntress* on the USA network, *Norm* on ABC and *Family Law* on CBS.

Rich Altman has a new job at Deloitte & Touche — he joined the mergers & acquisitions practice in June. "My responsibilities will no longer include counting the Heisman Trophy ballots or auditing Columbia's investment holdings," he writes. "However, I will be racking up thousands of frequent flier miles and hotel points traveling to such exciting locales as Little Rock, Ark., and Allendale, N.J." He was promoted to manager in the new group in August 2000, and in September he finished his M.B.A. at NYU. Rich hasn't been in contact with many other '95ers, but added that **Sabahat Ali** left D&T last December for a new gig at Morgan Stanley Dean Witter.

Baby and wedding news: **Matt Weinstein** is a dad again. He and wife, Shira (Barnard '94), had another baby girl on March 29. Her name is Aviva Yael Weinstein, class of 2023. "Her big sister, Shulamit Shoshana Weinstein (class of 2022) seems to be adjusting to life with a sibling," Matt writes. **Roxana Scoville Alger** married Daniel Geffen last June, according to an announcement in *The New York Times*. Roxanna, a painter, received a master's degree in painting from Boston University. Her work has been shown at the Wingspread Gallery in Northeast Harbor. Her husband is a doctoral candidate in political science at Columbia.

Shira Maguen is leaving Atlanta for Boston. Shira, who began with our class but graduated early, finished the coursework part of her Ph.D. program in clinical psychology at Georgia State. She has her dissertation and internship left. Shira has headed north for a yearlong internship at the V.A. Medical Center, where she'll focus on medical psychology and post-traumatic stress disorder. We should be able to call her doctor by the end of 2002. Before beginning her internship, she spent two weeks in Southeast Asia, mostly in Thailand with stops in Seoul and Singapore.

Finally, **Adam Epstein** has started a new venture for wannabe sportscasters called FanCast.com. Adam, who left his job as a lawyer to start the company, has been mentioned in *USA Today*, *Salon* and the

Sporting News. According to *USA Today*, he started the online sports broadcasting network in December with $25,000 from family members and his savings. Good luck!

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Happy fall, people! I was hoping to see many of you at our reunion in May, but alas, '96 was sorely lacking in reunion representation. It's a shame, really — it's always fun to run into people you've forgotten over the years but whom you always enjoyed seeing around campus. I was pleased to see some familiar faces — **Susannah Vance**, who is in the midst of applying to law school; **Mike Kadish**, who just graduated from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard with a master's of public policy; **Mirella Cheeseman**, who recently began working in development at Crossroads, a new film production company started by Bingham Ray, ex-president of October Films; and **Julie Satow**, who was promoted to managing editor of *Corporate Financing Week*, a publication owned by Institutional Investor magazine. Also in attendance (not all were present for the class photo) were **Ben Donner, Rebecca Prime, Moha Desai, Jennifer Fischbein, Uchenna Acholonu, Geremy Kawaller, Barbara Antonucci, Lara Bazelon, Matt Lasner, Lisa Courtney, Leila Kazemi, Jill Szuchmacher**, Nelson Jaeggli '97 and **Melissa Gajarsa**. Melissa just got engaged to her longtime boyfriend Matt — congratulations to you, Melissa! Nelson, who is attending P&S, recently married Erika Moravec '99 — congratulations to you both. Incidentally, for all you ex-COOP-ers, Nelson and Erika's romance was ignited during that hikefest we all remember so fondly. Their marriage took place in Baltimore, and was officiated by one of Columbia's most notable professors, Peter Awn.

Britta Jacobson will be graduating from Harvard Law School in December, and will move to London to work for Sullivan & Cromwell. **Maya Gorton** recently graduated from NYU with a master's in interactive telecommunications, and is interested in working as an installation artist.

Alex Vlack is married to Julia von Eikle, Barnard '96, and is making documentaries about Chinese immigrants in the United States. **Jeremiah Crowell** is traveling in South Asia doing yoga in India and producing documentaries in Thailand, and **Sam Lankton** is working for *The New York Times*. After several years of exporting lawnmowers to China and a failed dot.com, **Jeremy Craig** has settled in Singapore. He has started his own company doing SAT and GMAT preparation. He is in touch with **Chris Callahan**, who lives close by in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, but he is looking to get in touch with other alums in the region. Jeremy is also interested in hiring instructors who would like to teach on a contract basis in Singapore, Thailand and Malaysia. If anyone would like to contact Jeremy, he can be reached at jercraig@yahoo.com.

1996 Reunion Class photo

Ashish Raval is a software tester at a startup company in Cambridge, Mass. He reports that Phuong Hong Phan is in Chicago working as an architect at Skidmore, Owings, & Merrill and recently got married to someone she met at Penn's Graduate School of Architecture. **David Thompson** is a Webmaster at the San Francisco Opera House, Melvin Lew '96E and Patrick Pan '98E work in the technology department at Goldman Sachs in New York, **Fausan Tsai** is a medical student at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, **Hong Quan** is in San Francisco working at 1stup.com, and **Michael Maldonado** has been working with kids at a camp in North Carolina and may be heading to Europe to work on various organic farms. **Bryonn Bain** is at NYU Law School, **Lila Jeremy Mills** is a reporter in Cleveland and **Sandhya Nankani** works for the College of New Rochelle.

Kayoko Kanari was married to **B.J. Tevelow** last September at Tavern on the Green in New York. **Amy Weiss, Andrea Bond** and **Dennis Chang** '96E were among the bridal party. **Ed Sadtler**, who is an attorney at Skadden Arps, also attended the wedding. Kayoko is currently an equity analyst for a hedge fund at Moore Capital Management in New York, Amy is an attorney at the National Labor Relations Board in Philadelphia, Andrea works as a reporter for CBS in Las Vegas and Dennis is a consultant for Accenture (formerly Anderson Consulting). Kayoko and her husband were also in the bridal party for Andrea and Dennis, who got married last November in Los Angeles. **John Fitzgibbons** was one of the groomsmen. Kayoko can be reached at kkayoko@yahoo.com.

And that concludes this issue's notes. Now that the '80s are "back," I thought I'd leave you all with this throwback: "My fellow Americans, I am pleased to tell you I just signed legislation which outlaws Russia forever. The bombing begins in five minutes." Ronald Reagan said it during a radio microphone test, 1984. Farewell, and keep the news coming!

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I am sad to report that **Randy Murff**, co-captain of the 1996 Columbia football team, was killed when the F-16 fighter jet he was piloting crashed just south of Seoul, Korea (see page 30). Condolences to his family and friends.

Jennifer Northrop is currently in her fourth year of medical school at Sackler School of Medicine (American Program) in Tel Aviv, Israel. She will be living in Manhattan this coming fall and winter to do her fourth-year electives in NYC hospitals, and will graduate in May 2002. She will be specializing in internal medicine and applying for residencies at NYC hospitals. She writes that it has been wonderful to live in Israel for the last three years, but she is looking forward to being back in the States and reconnecting with friends/family.

Congratulations to **Hans Chen** and Sandie Angulo '98, who were married June 2 in Harrisburg, Pa. **John Moss** was an usher. John finished his second year at Minnesota Law School and spent the summer in New York as an associate at Kirkpatrick and Lockhart. Also in attendance was Julie Yufe '98, **Graham Goodkin** and **Laura Chittick**. **Helen Imatome Jeoung** got married in March. She and her husband, Bum Jun Jeoung, moved to Vancouver, B.C., where they are graduate students in linguistics and translation.

Nathaniel Bryant Mayfield played principal trumpet with the Des Moines Metro Opera this summer. He is engaged to marry Ulrike Steck in Germany; they met at Finbar in NYC in 1997. Next year he will teach and play trumpet in Austin, Texas.

Four classmates have finished their studies at Mt. Sinai Medical School and are doing their residencies: **Ron Lee** is in internal medicine at Mount Sinai, **Sheeva Talebian** is Ob/Gyn at NYU, **Tjoiya Spetsieris** is in pediatrics at Johns Hopkins and **Natie Fox** is Ob/Gyn at Mount Sinai.

Nick Syrett is a Ph.D. student in American Studies at Michigan; he loathes Ann Arbor and looks forward to moving back to New York once he starts work on his dissertation. **Jeremy Kay** lives in San Francisco, where he's getting a Ph.D. in neuroscience at UCSF. He is studying how fish see. **Mia Tran** is working and shooting for the *Times*, living in the Slope solo, traveling to safe and not so safe parts of the world, and trying to cook more. **Danny Voloch** is finishing up a master's in English at Brown and will be moving back to New York in the fall to teach. **Dan Michaelson** is at Yale School of Art getting a graduate degree in graphic design. **Philip Alberti** is returning to Columbia for the Ph.D. sociomedical sciences program (public health/psych) in the fall.

Swati Khurana is entering her third year of marriage, second year of living in Brooklyn, and had her first solo exhibition of new works in sculpture, and installation, at the A/P/A Gallery of NYU (where she is finishing her M.A.). **Christa Lee Rock** (who graduated in Feb. '98) is back from newspapering in St. Petersburg, Russia, and is plying the trade now in New Haven, where she covers federal courts and neighborhood issues (think: "City" section) for the *New Haven Register*. Close confidants of Joe Lelyveld can e-mail job tips to keekrock@hotmail.com. **Boris Kachka** is living in Brooklyn and is a writer/editor/slave at *New York Magazine*. **Rebecca Braverman** is living near former classmate (and current lawyer) **Avideh Moussavian** in what she likes to call Shabby Gramercy, working as the shopping editor at Citysearch.com and going to too many sample sales. **Rachel Adame** has launched a marketing promotions company, Spin Sisters Productions (www.spinsisters.com), and filmed a documentary about the East Village. **Ofemi Brown-Harris** is a human resource associate at PricewaterhouseCoopers. **Joshua Ross** is leaving the United States to teach English for a year in Korea.

Kerensa Harrell performed in

May in American Ballet Theater's production of *Cinderella* in the Metropolitan Opera House at Lincoln Center. She was one of the four prancing horse-girls who pulled Cinderella's pumpkin-turned-carriage, and says it was a lot of fun. She was very busy this spring teaching dance to wedding couples, which is her main occupation, but managed to keep up with her main hobby, yoga, which she delights in doing at least three times per week. Her summer plan was to spend some time in Costa Rica to brush up on her Spanish.

Michael Gorman spent three years at PricewaterhouseCoopers (two years in NYC, one in Chicago) and a year on the business side of a small Internet software development firm in downtown Chicago. **Chad Herst** will be in Thailand this summer meeting up with Heather McGeory, Barnard '97. **Raji Kalra** is living in Boston and working for a small consulting company called eFORCE. She left Accenture in NYC last year to try a smaller company and different city. **Jyoti Khullar** is still living in Manhattan and working for Merrill Lynch (has been since we graduated). **Naveena Ponnusamy** is also living in Manhattan (the Village) and working at Edelman (PR firm). **Kavita Kumar** is at the Law School and will be entering her final year in the fall. **Michael Capra** is enjoying a low-key summer and seeing his Sammy brothers from time to time. **Karen Lee** graduated from Fordham Law in May 2000, survived the bar exam, and has been working as a litigation associate at Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle in NYC. She will be traveling to New Zealand in August. She sometimes sees **Kerri Bauchner** at the Broadway Dance Center where they both take classes.

David Greene, Christopher Barbour and **Sadarias Harrel** have launched a new record label. FeelingZone Entertainment, dedicated to delivering enduring house music fused with elements of hip-hop, r&b, gospel and rock, recently held its launch party at Manhattan hotspot, Filter14. The party, which drew more than 300 industry notables and fans, celebrated the success of the label's first single, "Fighting Gravity." The crowd was kept on the dance floor by mixes from guest DJ Rich Woods along with FZ managing partners **Nissim Karpenstein** and **Chris Barbour**. Dance music veterans and scene luminaries in attendance at the celebration were **Ramon Wells** and **Jessica O'Connor** of dot dot dot records, Duffy Macri of Intrepid Music, Greg Young, **Mauricio Mena** and **Nancy Schwartzman**.

Daphna Gutman has left her job at KBC Financial Products and will be teaching elementary school in East New York in the fall, as part of the NYC Teaching Fellows Program.

Sharon Rhein was married on September 3, 2000, to Eric Steiglitz '96L in Boston. The Columbia alums in the wedding party were: Igor Kirman '96L, best man; Aaron Turnof '98B, groomsman; Yelena Dudochkin '98, maid of honor; **Sarah Toas**, bridesmaid; and Rachel Paquin, Barnard '97, bridesmaid. Other Columbia alums in attendance were Maura O'Neill '96, Michael Fleischer '93, Jeremy Feinberg '92, Catherine (Reibman) Williams '96, Brian White '96, Stacey (Feigenbaum) Turnof '94, Galina (Krosilovksy) Kirman '96L, Dee Hughes-Moore '96L, Dora DePaolis '96L, Jeremy Kasha '96L, Scott Gluck '96L, Antone Johnson '96L, David Zlotchew '96L and Ethan Zlotchew '96L. Sharon is an associate at Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft and Eric is an associate at Sullivan & Cromwell. They live in New York. Maid of honor Dudochkin notes, "Sharon looked absolutely stunning, a gorgeous and radiant bride. Eric and Sharon looked blissful as they exchanged their vows. The wedding was elegant and beautiful, the flowers exquisite, and everyone had a fabulous time. The band played on until the early hours of the morning. It was an unforgettable weekend."

Thanks to all of you who wrote in, particularly for the first time. And for those of you that haven't written yet, please drop me a line!

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Let me once again begin the notes with wedding news: **Dennis Machado** is engaged to **Amy DeMaso**. They plan a December wedding in Queens. Dennis graduated from NYU Law in May and starts working for Fried Frank in September. In addition to planning his wedding, Dennis spent the summer studying for the bar. His wedding party will include **Elliot Han**, who works at Credit Suisse First Boston and lives in a "nice pad" on the Upper East Side; **Eric Castillo**, who works at Bear Stearns and lives in Hoboken, N.J.; and Mike Rusignola '98E.

Adam Nguyen starts his third year at Harvard Law this fall, after spending the first year after graduation working at the Department of Justice in Washington. Last spring, he lived on the same floor as **Brandon VanDyke**, a former Hartley suitemate. Also at HLS were **Matt Ahn**, **Mary Corley** and **Jordan Konig**, among others, although some may have already graduated. **Jeremy Kamras**, for one, is now a first-year associate at Sullivan and Cromwell. While at school, Adam volunteered at the Legal Aid Bureau with **Lea Miller** and **Alejandra Montenegro**. This past summer, Adam worked for an American law firm in London.

Adam also brings news of non-HLS students: **Peter Thornton** lives in the Village, and **Jeff Lehmberg** completed his two-year stint with Teach for America and is in NYC auditioning for acting parts. **Robert Crea** works at Lehman Brothers in the equity research division.

The Nguyen News doesn't end in NYC. Last April, Adam went to Vietnam to visit **Nam Nguyen**, who was finishing her Fulbright Fellowship there. She had previously worked as an investment banker at Robertson Stephens in New York. She will be joining Adam at Harvard this fall, but in the business school. Adam's travel buddies included Celeste Lum '98E, **Abigail Lorge** (who still works at NBC Sports covering everything from the Olympics to Wimbledon), and **Megan Mulligan** (whom, as I mentioned in the last Notes, writes for Forbes.com). While in Vietnam, the Columbia crew bumped into **Jen Lou** and **Lisa Milton** on separate occasions. Both were traveling with their respective families. Thanks again, Adam!

And as if you hadn't heard enough about Harvard at this point, **Amol Sarva** writes that **Meaghan McLaine** is headed there to start Law School. Meaghan used to live down the street from Amol in San Francisco, where she worked at Juno Online Services. Amol is currently president of the Columbia Alumni Club of Northern California, a term he will serve until December. In June, Amol finished his third year in the philosophy Ph.D. program at Stanford. He plans to return to NYC in 2002 to complete his dissertation "on some conceptual issues in foundational cognitive science."

According to Amol, Brooklynite **Tom Sanford** is "fitter than a fiddle and working hard painting a series of rap star pietas in his Bushwick loft." **Joe Master** finished a two-year stint in Germany for Goldman Sachs and is spending six months traveling around Europe and North Africa. Then it's back to NYC for Joe, who will either head back to Wall Street, or, Amol claims, write a novel.

Finally, my good friend **Julie Yufe** took the plunge and started business school this fall at Yale. She says her sorority sister **Reena Russell** is at Harvard (there's that word again) Business School. **Shira Schnitzer**, who completed her master's in modern history at Oxford University, is continuing her studies there. She is now researching her doctoral thesis throughout England, Israel, and Lithuania.

Well, that's the news from '98. Please note my address change, and continue to send me your updates at spa76@yahoo.com

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Thanks to those who sent me updates over the past few months. But first I want to report on two outings that some of our classmates enjoyed last spring. On Friday, March 30, a number of us saw Puccini's *Tosca* at the N.Y. City Opera at Lincoln Center. The performance was fantastic. Also, as a part of reunion weekend in May, the CC Young Alumni Association hosted a party for recent grads at the Hammerstein Ballroom in midtown and the Class of '99 had a strong showing, with the largest turnout among the young alumni classes. I think everyone had a great time at this event as well. And now on to our individual updates:

Dave Kwon is living in La Jolla, Calif. and starting his third year at UC-San Diego School of Medicine. After taking the first round of boards in June, Dave is in the hospital already treating patients. **Peter Kung** just entered his third year at Northwestern Med, as did **Amee Shah** at SUNY Stony Brook. Congratulations to **Eleisa Hricko**, who on July 21 was married to Patrick Coster. **Caitlin Tso** and **Lauren Rosenberg** were bridesmaids, and **Juliana Sanchez** and Laura De Girolami '00 were in attendance.

Mike Erman has become a news associate at Reuters, where **Dan Sorid** is a reporter. **Diego Perez** finished his OTC training program at UBS Warburg and will attend the Johnson School of Management at Cornell this fall.

Please e-mail with any and all updates. Classmates definitely want to hear how you're doing, so please keep in touch. We're going to plan another event this fall, perhaps around this year's homecoming, which is against Penn on Saturday, October 13.

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One year officially has passed since graduation, and I'm happy to report that I'm still receiving updates on your lives. Please keep them coming!

Many of you are returning to academia. **Eric Yellin** is beginning graduate studies at Princeton, where he is pursuing a Ph.D. in history. After spending the last year in Houston, **Naomi Fung** is returning to New York to begin her master's in architechture at Columbia. **Lainy Destin** is moving to Montreal to pursue a master of arts in political science (international politics) at McGill. She invites all friends to visit her in the city she loves so much. Meanwhile, Lainy reports that **Andrew Bednarzik** and **Deborah Zimmer** are in Boston. Deborah is obtaining her master's in public health at Boston University, teaching Kaplan test prep courses, and applying to medical schools. She hopes to begin medical school after receiving her MPH in 2002. Lainy adds that Phoebe Goode '00E is "representin' up at all of the Harvard grad school parties" that she has attended.

Also returning to academia is **Alicia Pentz-Lopez**. However, rather than return as a student, Alicia returns as an administrator! She has just been named associate director of development at UC Irvine. Congrats!

Over the summer, **Bram Raphael** received a Gold Foundation Grant to study public health in Havana, Cuba. Bram hoped to improve his Spanish as well as his dance moves before returning to his second year at NYU Med.

Chris Sandersfield was transferred from Manhattan to London by Salomon Smith Barney. He is an analyst in the mergers and acquisitions division. He ran into a flock of Columbia grads at a party for **Juliet Ross** awhile back, including **Dan Burstein, Laurie Marhoefer, Leslie Ziivin, Eric Yellin, Megan Eliot, Don Saelinger** and **Leah Vickers**.

In contrast, **Joesph (Yosie) Levine** returns to the United States after a year in Berlin, where he was involved in Jewish education and outreach at the Ronald S. Lauder Foundation. After spending the summer volunteering for the Sierra Club in Los Angeles, he will begin a rabbinic ordination program at Yeshiva University as a Wexner Graduate Fellow.

Finally, roommate (or former roommate, I should now say) **Rashmi Menon** has left me and my cat, Salmon, for greener pastures. After spending the summer in New York with **Heidi Yeung**, Rashmi heads off to California to begin medical school at UCLA. Heidi, meanwhile, successfully completed her first year of med school in Vancouver and spent the summer doing AIDS research.

I am attempting to track down as many of you as possible in the D.C. area. We are planning many great events for young alums, so please e-mail me at if you are here or planning to move here! That's it for now, so until next time… take good care!

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Greetings CC'01 — I'm sure it has been a whirlwind couple of months for all of you. Whether you've been traveling, working or just relaxing, I'm sure you've noticed the change from the day-to-day pressures of college life to the unique pressures of the real world. Congratulations on your newfound freedom!

A few of our classmates have tied the knot! **Susan Pereira** married Darren Wilsey on June 2. The wedding was held at her parents' home in Laguna Beach, Calif. Susan was surrounded by nearly a dozen of her closest Columbia friends. The very happy couple — who met at 1020 — have settled comfortably in the Columbia area. **Robin Yerkes** married John Horton on July 9 at her parents' home in Connecticut. John is a 2001 West Point graduate. Robin and John will live in Germany for the next few years and look forward to traveling in Europe together.

Some classmates have decided to stay in the Columbia area and reap further benefits from our favorite college haunts. **Benjamin Ryan** will work for the *New York Observer* and live near Columbia. **Dave Matteini,** who is working for UBS Warburg, is also living near Columbia with Vipin Kalra '01E and Ric Viloria '01E. For the summer, **Jeff Senter** lived in EC and was "underemployed," looking for more exciting opportunities as an entry-level programmer.

Sterling Mah works at Tiffany & Co. and lives with **Avrielle Gallagher** and **Adrienne Sadeghi-Nejad** on the Upper East Side. Avrielle is working as Conan O'Brien's personal assistant.

Yojairy Sanchez will do ministry work for the non-denominational church she attends, leading a congregation of women on the East Side. She looks forward to a "very fun and fulfilling" experience.

Ariel Neuman spent the summer traveling through Europe, resting up before starting Harvard Law School in the fall. Joining him there will be **Jordan Hirsch** and **Miriam Benor**. Also traveling were **Marla Goodman** and **Kim Harris,** who embarked on an exciting trip to Greece and Turkey. Marla is living with the fabulous Jamie Rubin, Barnard '01, in the West Village and begins law school next fall. Kim will join Deloitte Consulting and has kept her apartment in Hell's Kitchen.

Jemal Graham will be working for JP Morgan Chase in their private banking division. After graduation, he vacationed in Hawaii and L.A. before settling back into the comforts of his Queens home. **Vijay Mohan** spent the summer traveling to Hong Kong, Tokyo, Puerto Rico and Portland. He moved into a new apartment in Tribeca and is working for Goldman, Sachs. Also joining Goldman are **Sheldon Wong** and **Jason Cuttler**. Jason is enjoying his apartment in beautiful Brooklyn Heights.

Bree Akesson has joined the Peace Corps as a public health volunteer in Kenya, where she will remain for about two years. **Liz Griffith** has moved into an apartment in Park Slope and will be working as a marketing coordinator for Total Asset Planning in Midtown. **John Balonze** will remain in New York and hold two jobs: one as a program assistant for the Association of the Bar of New York and another as a research assistant for a yet to be released book about the U.N.

Marissa Berman has relocated to San Francisco. Joining her on the west coast is **Miles Berger,** who will begin an M.D./Ph.D. program at UC-San Francisco. Miles spent the summer traveling through Europe with David Dobkin '01E and **Lorin Scher,** meeting up with other Columbians along the way. The travelers particularly recommend Barcelona and said of their trip: "We had ambitious plans of cultural activities that went unfulfilled." **Tom Hughes** spent part of the summer touring America with Rachel Bloom, Barnard '01, and has settled back in Berkeley where he is looking for a job teaching in the Bay Area. Uptown Vocalites **Emily Burkes-Nossiter** and **Israel Gordan** also pursued road trips of their own. Izzy ended his on the West Coast, where he worked as a head counselor at Camp Ramah in Ojai, Calif.

Becca Siegel returns to school in the fall teaching freshman and senior English classes at Xavier High School in Manhattan. **James Langstine** will join Becca at Xavier, where he will teach English and coach track. Becca's roommate in a Yorkville apartment is **Eri Kaneko,** who works as a paralegal at Constantine and Partners, a law firm specializing in anti-trust cases.

Eunice Rho is also paralegaling in Manhattan, where she is employed at Cravath, Swaine, and Moore. **Joe Rezek** is enjoying his apartment slightly uptown from Columbia and working at the American Academy of Arts and Letters. He has been hanging out with **Stacy Lozner** as she gets ready to begin Law School in the fall. **Tina Chae**, Joe's RA from Schapiro 3, is researching at Mount Sinai.

Jenny Tubridy headed to Ireland for six months on a Columbia fellowship to work and live in Dublin. **Sara Batterton**, **Andrew Gawerc, Michelle Braun** and **Cristine Maisano** are in Dublin on the same program. **Jackie Burke** is also in Dublin. Elsewhere in Europe are classmates **Emily Huters**, in Germany on a fellowship at the DAAD, a publicly funded self-governing organization of higher education institutions in Germany, and **Dan Feldman**, who is in Poland doing research at the on-site memorial and museum at Auschwitz. Dan's trip to Warsaw this summer coincided with President Bush's visit, and Dan had the opportunity to meet and greet several key members of the administration including Colin Powell and Ari Fleisher.

Anjan Mishra did some traveling and started work as a project manager in the revenue division of the City of New York Department of Parks & Recreation. **Billy Kingsland** started work the week after graduation at Russell & Volkening, Inc., a small literary agency on 29th Street. He lives with **Sarah Rosenbaum** and **Annie Lainer** in the East Village. Sarah and Annie work at the Manhattan District Attorney's office, though Annie spent the summer working at Camp Alonim, outside of her native Los Angeles. Also at the DA's office are **Rebecca Mermelstein** and **Susie Cowen**, living on the Upper West Side and in Park Slope, respectively.

Nancy Perla is remaining on the Upper East Side and looking for a job in media. She spent a relaxing summer with her friend, **Dina Epstein**, who headed to Israel in August for a year of work, study and play. **Paul Munson** is teaching in Mississippi. **Molly Kovel** is working for Human Rights Watch for the summer. **Seth Kotch** is working two jobs in his native North Carolina before heading to Italy this fall. *Spec* buddy **Dan Laidman** is

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working as a staff reporter for the *Des Moines Register* and living in (where else?) Des Moines.

Kathy Chang lived it up Manhattan style for the summer on the Upper East Side. **Eric Lane** and **Paul Getto** are living together in the West Village. **Wadad Cortas** is living in Chelsea and working in finance. **David Shapiro** is living on Claremont Ave. and is busy selling his art. **Tina Alexander** is back in her native Ithaca. **Jeff Lee** worked at the Cooper Hewitt Museum for the summer and was apartment hunting downtown. **Matt King** is living near the UN and begins work in corporate consulting in the fall.

Beth Morales was in Hong Kong for the summer and will begin her Ph.D. program in political science at Cal-Berkeley in the fall. **David Rease, Jr.** is pursuing a master's degree in teaching from Duke. Fellow Carman RA **Andrew Pyo** is pursuing a master's degree in statistics from Columbia.

Laura Cometa and **Seth Morris** begin Teach For America this fall in Los Angeles. **Jake Hart** traveled in Russia for the summer. **Peter Zuspan** is putting his major in architecture to good use at both his job at an architecture firm in TriBeCa and in building rooms in his loft on the Lower East Side.

Margot Nathan is living in the East Village with **Elise Cowgill**, who is working in investment banking in Greenwich, Conn., and with **Hank Shteamer,** who is teaching in the Bronx. **Cheryl Chang** moved back to her native Los Angeles and is freelance writing. **Joyce Chou** was also in Los Angeles for the summer. **Olivia Howard** is living in New York and working at McKinsey Consulting in New Jersey. **Anna Chodos** will be working in a lab in San Francisco.

On a closing note, I had the pleasure of seeing some of our class at the Hammerstein Ballroom Young Alumni event on June 1, part of the reunion weekend festivities. In attendance were **Janice Mok**, **Rena Seth**, **John Balonze**, **Damon Harjanto**, **Dave Matteini** and **Matt Winters**. Matt worked for the Bridgeport Design Group over the summer, developing an urban planning study on downtown Bridgeport, Conn.

That's it for now. Please bear with me since this is my first official column. If I made a mistake describing your plans, please correct me. If you didn't see your name, please write to me. I'd really like to hear from everybody in '01 — please write lots, and write often. Looking forward to hearing from you soon, and best of luck to you all.

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should be viewed as a positive is also not discussed. And why this one-sidedness is not reflective of a regrettable lack of political diversity is also not discussed.

This sort of complacency in the self-evident virtue of being out of step with the country as a whole is hardly what I would think of as a strength. To the extent that today's Columbians are tomorrow's leaders — as Mr. Frischberg implies — it seems self-evident that they should be made aware that there are other opinions in the country than those held by the vast majority of Columbians, and that these opinions are worthy of respect and engagement. Lacking this, Columbians risk descending into the trope attributed to Katherine Graham after the 1972 election: "I can't understand how Nixon could have won: no one I know voted for him."

I do not deny that it is unsurprising that there are differences between Columbians and the country as a whole. But I suggest that if the vast majority of Columbia students were to express an opinion, say, against the equality of the races or sexes, that Mr. Frischberg and his ilk would not be so quick as to trumpet the virtue of such an opinion.

David G.D. Hecht '79, SIA '80
ALEXANDRIA, VA.

A Team Player

Thank you for the wonderful picture and article that appeared in the magazine about our son (Michael Merley) and the basketball team (*CCT*, May 2001). We were so surprised and happy for Michael that he was featured. He's a quiet warrior and a real team player who has that undaunted determination and drive to contribute to the good of the team. We have been so proud of him.

We have to admit that we tried to convince him to quit during his junior year, so he could concentrate on his academics. We didn't understand what was happening. It was the first time he had been on any team and not started, or at least played major minutes. He listened to our practical reasons for freeing up his time and letting his body heal up, and then he said that he really liked the group of guys on the team and that he felt like he was making a contribution to the team by staying and working with everyone. And even if he only got to play a few minutes, it was still fun for him. He'd like to have more minutes, of course! But he said he could see ahead in his life, and he could see the time coming that he wouldn't be on a team anymore. And he just couldn't see quitting, no matter what!

Our pride grew when we saw him interact with those other players on the team. Their successes were his successes. And we accepted his decision to stay on, even not being the "star." So, yes, we are very proud of the young man our son has become. We are also very proud of his work at Columbia, in the classroom, laboratory and on the team.

Mrs. Vicki Merley P'01
MESA, ARIZ.

More Chess at Columbia

Eliot Hearst '53's letter (*CCT*, December 2000) on the great chess teams at Columbia in his time (1949-53) deserves a postscript. We were also pretty good a few years later.

My brother Robin '62 (who died of cancer in 1994) and I arrived in 1958 as high-school chess hotshots from New Jersey. We had been informally recruited by a former chess rival, Pete Sager '61. When Pete showed us the chess closet in John Jay, we were hooked!

That December we took a crack at the National Intercollegiate Team Championship. By then I had sort of earned first board, while Robin was offered fourth board. This offended him, so he refused to play, allowing Pete the pleasure of traveling by train to Cleveland and being part of our mild whipping by the big boys (the winning Univ. of Chicago, Harvard with Shelby Lyman, etc.). Robin's boycott was temporary, for he kept playing, then went to Omaha next summer and won the U.S. Junior Championship, to the surprise of just about everyone except himself. But it was no fluke, for he repeated his victory the next year and again in 1961, an unprecedented three straight titles.

His first title earned him a place in the big-time U.S. Championship that winter, where he was beaten by Bobby Fischer and by everyone else. With him thus occupied, I went off to Penn State for the U.S. Intercollegiate Individual Championship and managed to win that. Next we set our sights on the Team Championship (in those days the individual and team events were held in alternate years). We had another solid player, our captain Joe Rosenstein '61, but figured we needed one more to have a serious chance. Fortunately we were able to persuade Mike Valvo '64E that Columbia was the place for him. So in December 1960 we went down to Princeton and beat out a tough Univ. of Toronto team to win the team title.

Dr. Hearst's comment about hoping to challenge the fencing team brought a chuckle, for I was also a fencer at Columbia and afterward. You can say there are similarities between chess and fencing, and I did feel my competitive chess experiences helped me to become a fairly good fencer. A few fencers, particularly Jamie Melcher '61, who went on to be several-time national epee champion) were willing to take me on over the chessboard and then retaliate by sticking it to me in fencing practice. But no one from the chess team ever came over to the gym to try me with swords. In later years when I would fence in alumni meets, "Mr. Fencing" Irwin Bernstein '54, after introducing a host of past NCAA fencing champions, would introduce me with: "and fencing epee, the former national intercollegiate champion in CHESS!" This naturally created even more panic and confusion in the ranks of the impressionable youngsters on the team as they prepared to face all the distinguished "Rusty Blades."

As for chess, my cohort didn't have the sustained top-level results as other Columbia chess teams. This was partly due to some casualness toward our matches. At times Robin chose not to play, and at other times I chose to fence instead. I also did things like drink a quart of beer before one match to see if it would make my play more aggressive, and disappear during a game to play intramural basketball, returning to finish the game a few minutes before my flag fell. If I recall correctly, I won those two games, but another time we scheduled a match for Sunday morning to accommodate some team visiting New York for the weekend. This was not long after I had won my title, and soon after I had gone to bed. I should've stayed there, for I suffered the dual indignities of losing in a dozen moves and having the game published in a national chess magazine. Our lack of sustained winning was also because our age differences meant our title-winning team was together for only one year, 1960-61. However, in that one year, way back when John Kennedy took office, Columbia had the distinction of being the U. S. Intercollegiate Team Champion and having the U. S. Junior Champion (Robin) and the U. S. Intercollegiate Individual Champion (myself), a unique trifecta!

Leslie Ault '62
CLOSTER, N.J.

Alumni Corner

Our Alma Mater Grand, Now and for Aye

By Gerald Sherwin '55
President, Columbia College Alumni Association

Many exciting and interesting things continue to happen involving Columbia College students, faculty and alumni, both on and off campus — so much of a positive nature.

To an overflow audience at Faculty House, the annual Lionel Trilling-Mark Van Doren Awards were given this past spring to Jonathan Crary '75, professor of art history and archaeology, and Kathy Eden, professor of literature humanities, respectively. The honorees were selected by a Student Council subcommittee. The Trilling Award is presented to a faculty member for an extraordinary book, the Van Doren Award for inspiring teaching.

Gerald Sherwin '55
PHOTO: MICHAEL DAMES

Overall, Reunion 2001 was the most successful ever (and that was without the Class of 1941, which met two weeks later, and the Class of 1951, which is holding its 50th in September.) The four-day event started Thursday evening with alumni choosing from among three hit Broadway shows followed by champagne at Sardi's, or a downtown dance party. On Friday night there was a huge turnout, especially young alums, for dining and dancing at the Hammerstein Ballroom in midtown. Class-specific dinners were among the highlights of Saturday's program as alumni reminisced with classmates. And a good many made it to Sunday brunch before heading home. Classes ending in 2s and 7s should not fret: Planning has already begun for Reunion 2002 — bigger and better.

Over the summer, a special reception hosted by Conrad Lung '72 in Singapore brought together incoming first-year students and their parents for a presentation by Kathryn Wittner of the Dean of Student Affairs office. It was so well received that the effort will be expanded to other parts of the globe, including Columbia alumni as well as students.

As of this writing, orientation week for the Class of 2005 is just around the corner, with the highlight expected to be the march through the newly refurbished gates at 116th Street and Broadway by the first years, carrying their very own class flag. Many events were planned to make these new students feel a part of Columbia and New York City — a pep rally with the band and the cheerleaders, excerpts from the Varsity Show (introduced by Rita Pietropinto-Kitt '92), a party at the Central Park Zoo and, of course, a welcome from Dean Austin Quigley. Pulling all this together was student coordinating leader Ali Hirsh '02.

As an aside: To show everyone our impact in the Columbia Club in New York (which we share with a certain New Jersey college), you can now see at the club's entrance a bust of the late President (of the University and the United States) Dwight David Eisenhower. Actually, Ike looks pretty good.

All the good feelings about the College translate into an outpouring of alumni support. The Alumni Association Outreach Committee, under the leadership of Mozelle Thompson '76, has begun to recruit volunteers for its endeavors such as mentoring, communications, volunteerism and events. Over 100 alumni from around the country and overseas responded to the initial mailing. The Outreach group will play a significant role in the third annual post-Homecoming Black Alumni reception to be held in Low Library on October 13. Homecoming itself will be celebrated on Saturday, October 13, primarily at Baker Field. If you want to see your classmates, the deans, recent and not so recent alumni and students, Baker Field is the place to be. There will be something for everyone — the big tent with lots of good food and Columbia souvenirs, the cheerleaders and band, varsity sports such as field hockey, men's soccer, women's soccer and, of course, football vs. Penn.

A couple of days before Homecoming, on October 11, the Society of Columbia Graduates will host the 52nd Annual Great Teacher Awards in Low Library. The two awardees are Michael Seidel, professor in the humanities from the College, and Dimitris Anastassiou, professor of electrical engineering, from SEAS.

Work continued over the summer on the refurbishment of Avery, Low and Butler Libraries, the black box theater and new facilities for WKCR in Lerner Hall, and the remodeling of classrooms and offices in Hamilton Hall. One other project of note is the Remembrance Memorial, whose logistics are expected to be finalized this year. Plaques listing the names of American servicemen who died in uniform during the country's wars will be placed in a prominent spot on campus.

All segments of the Columbia College family must be involved.

As usual, the highlight of late autumn is the Alexander Hamilton Award Dinner, to be held November 13 in Low Library. This year the College will honor Phil Milstein '71, who has done so much for the school in so many ways. The dinner co-chairs are fellow trustee Richard Witten '75 and classmate Mark Kingdon '71.

As you can see, Columbia College is continuously on the move to maintain and enhance its stature as one of the great institutions of higher learning in the world. As we all know, in order to solidify and grow the intergenerational community Dean Quigley talks about, all segments of the Columbia College family must be involved — the faculty; the administrators; of course our future, the students; the parents; and you, the alumni. Only through this collective involvement and support will our goals and dreams for the College be realized.

If anyone has any thoughts, comments, bon mots, please send your e-mail to: gsherwin@newyork.bozell.com. Stay well. We hope to see or hear from you soon.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WKCR's Beginnings

Three score and a fraction years ago, your predecessors brought forth a campus radio station called CURC — Columbia University Radio Club. Our one-room studio was in the little building between Hamilton and Hartley. Our signal went through the pipes that crisscrossed campus buildings, and could radiate several feet outside them. (At least that's what the engineers, who were the backbone of the club, told me.) Our control room contained one panel and two phonograph turntables.

Our first spoken program, I believe, was a nightly 15-minute sports report organized by Bill Levinson, a junior, and me, a freshman. We were offshoots of the *Spectator* staff, with no radio experience or skills. But dealing only with Columbia activities, we had exclusivity and inside dope.

There were about a dozen of us at CURC then. We also did comedy, drama and music programs. Our most prized resources were a sound effects record and whatever we could find for studio-generated noises. Our listener totals were not zero, but rarely exceeded two digits.

In due course, CURC became WKCR and real radio. We surviving pioneers are awed and gratified by its development, and we honor those whose dedication has seen to it that radio for the campus, by the campus and of the campus has not perished from the face of Morningside Heights.

Leonard Koppett '44
PALO ALTO, CALIF.

[Editor's note: The writer, a member of the media wings of both the Baseball and Basketball Halls of Fame, was unable to attend WKCR's 60th anniversary celebration on October 12 but forwarded his recollections of the station's early days.]

If you dig out a 1941 *Columbian*, you will see a photograph of the Kings Crown Advisory Board. This board authorized the original funds to finance the studio and transmitter for CURC. I assume all the faculty members have passed on to the advisory board in the sky. However, Dick Kuh '41 and I were both at Arden House in June to celebrate our class's 60th reunion.

Samuel W. Hughes '41
SADDLE RIVER, N.J.

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The latest online layout of *CCT* is fantastic. It's readable and attractive. Far better, in fact, than many commercial magazines.

Amol Sarva '98
STANFORD, CALIF.

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Diversity on Campus

David G.D. Hecht's letter about my letter (September 2001) reads more into my letter than I indicated. I did not say that favoring Gore over Bush was a positive. What I did say is that the students at a very selective Ivy League school in the most cosmopolitan city in the United States will have very different opinions from a national average on almost any subject. I did not draw any value judgment on this fact.

I don't think that today's Columbia students feel superior in being out of step with the rest of the country. I am sure that Columbians are aware that there are other opinions in the country than those held by the majority of Columbia students.

The point I was making is that favoring one candidate over another by a large margin does not indicate a lack of diversity on campus. If a national poll showed that 5 percent of Americans went to an opera once a year, but 75 percent of Columbians did, would that indicate a lack of diversity on campus?

Michael I. Frischberg '54
ABERDEEN, N.J.

Lightweight Football

I was delighted to see in the class notes of '50, '51 and '52 names of Columbia's initial lightweight (150-pound) football team. There were almost enough to field that starting team of more than 50 years ago. Names like [Raymond] Annino '50, [Mario] Palmieri '50, [Alfred] Byra '51, [Frank] Raimondo '51, even Bob Osnos '51, our player-

WITHIN THE FAMILY

Remembering September 11, and the Aftermath

America lost its innocence at 8:48 a.m. on September 11, 2001.

Such an act of terrorism could never happen here. It was something that took place in Beirut and Belfast, Tel Aviv and Indonesia. We watched it on television and in movies, read about it in newspapers and in novels. We knew it happened, but not here.

On September 11, it did happen here, in the United States of America, the place where people from all over the world have come for centuries when they wanted to escape tyranny and oppression, when they wanted to live in peace and pray to God in the manner of their choosing, when they wanted a better life for themselves and their children.

Suddenly, on a bright Tuesday morning, that sense of security and safety and insulation that we took for granted was shattered, replaced by feelings of horror and pain, sorrow and confusion, anger and resolve.

It was a nightmare, some said. Perhaps it was an awakening from a dream.

The horrific images of September 11 will stay with us forever. So, too, should the positive images of the aftermath. Remember the faces of the volunteers who flocked to lower Manhattan — so many members of the Columbia community among their numbers — to help in whatever way possible, and the countless others who gave money, donated blood, collected food or supplies or just helped one another through the crisis. Think of the monumental bravery of the men and women of the New York City fire and police departments, and other rescue workers, who rushed into those burning buildings to help others get out.

Let us never forget that an estimated 25,000 people escaped to safety due, in large measure, to their efforts. And remember, too, the inspired and inspiring leadership provided by Mayor Rudy Giuliani, a New Yorker who rose to the challenge when his city, and the country, needed him most.

Remember the act, certainly, but remember the response as well. Remember the way everyday people came together, sacrificed their creature comforts and made a difference. One rescue worker, his face masked by soot and sweat, held in front of a TV camera a card his child had given him before he left home that morning to return to the WTC site: "We like what you're doing, Dad, but we want you to come home." He tells his child he'll be home that night, then turns and goes back to the task of sifting through the rubble, hoping against overwhelming odds to find someone still alive. Remember his selfless dedication, and that of so many others like him.

I can tell you exactly where I was on November 23, 1963, or on April 23, 1970, the day my father died. People a bit older than me can do the same with December 7, 1941, even though nearly 60 years have passed since then. Some things you don't forget. We will now remember September 11, 2001, the same way. We also should remember the way people responded in the days and weeks that followed.

We at *Columbia College Today*, and all of us in the Columbia College Alumni Office, send our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of victims of the September 11 tragedy.

Alex Sachare

reporter. I would hope with more than 50 years gone by that we could reunite that inaugural football squad. We weren't the best, but we played with plenty of Columbia spirit.

Andre J. Ognibene '52
Left Tackle
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Don't Ignore Chest Pains

On July 21, at home, I had a heart attack. I was dumbfounded. I still am. I didn't have any of the risk factors associated with a heart attack.

I was sitting at my computer when I felt as if a hand was resting on my heart. It was not really painful. I've had headaches and bruises that hurt a lot more. Nonetheless I walked the length of the house to my wife, Mary Ann, and told her I had a chest pain and said maybe we had better go to the emergency room. She drove us there in record time. I received immediate attention, and within 30 minutes of the attack, the morphine, blood-thinners, anti-coagulants, etc. had opened up the artery and the blood was once again flowing normally. Monday morning they did an angiogram and concluded that the opening needed to be greater. So I went by ambulance to Indianapolis and had a stent inserted in the artery — one of the main arteries to the heart, I should add. Sixty days later, after cardiac rehab, I felt totally back to normal.

Getting to the hospital immediately made a difference. I feel extremely lucky that I did. Because the pain was not severe, I truly expected that once at the hospital they would tell me it was nothing major, and to go home, take two aspirin and it would go away. From how I felt then, I now understand why heart attack victims on average wait three hours before seeking treatment. But because I got to the emergency room as soon as I did, the damage to my heart muscle was as slight as it possibly could have been.

My advice, whether wanted or not, is this: If you feel even just a slight but evenly constant pain in your chest where you think your heart is, go, go, go at once to your local emergency room.

Gordon G. Henderson '53
RICHMOND, IND.

AROUND THE QUADS

Michigan's Bollinger to Succeed Rupp

BY ALEX SACHARE '71

Lee C. Bollinger '71L, president of the University of Michigan since 1997, has been confirmed by the Board of the Trustees as Columbia's 19th president. He will succeed George Rupp in the summer of 2002.

Bollinger's confirmation in October came just six months after a search committee, headed by trustee Henry King '48, was appointed to seek out and then sort through candidates for a new Columbia president. A recommendation for the trustees had not been expected until this spring.

But amid reports that Michigan's board of regents was going to put pressure on Bollinger to commit to remaining in Ann Arbor, the search committee accelerated its process and Columbia got the man who was a leading candidate all along. As soon as Rupp announced his planned resignation, Bollinger's name had been raised as a possible successor — with good reason.

At Michigan, Bollinger is the head of a highly regarded university consisting of 19 schools and colleges with 53,000 students from all 50 states and 130 countries. He worked with an annual budget of $3.6 billion, dramatically increased Michigan's endowment and has been a driving force behind the new $90 million Life Sciences Institute. He is popular with both students and faculty, holding monthly "fireside chats" with students and teaching a political science course about the First Amendment and free speech each fall.

A former clerk to Supreme Court chief justice Warren Burger, Bollinger was dean of Michigan Law School and provost at Dartmouth before becoming president of Michigan. And he has Columbia ties — not only did he graduate from the Law School, but his daughter is currently a student there.

"Like billions of other people, we have a love affair with New York," said Bollinger, when his appointment was confirmed at a meeting of the Board of Trustees on October 6. "I am looking forward to the opportunity to lead one of the nation's oldest and most distinguished research universities. As New York recovers [from September 11], as I am certain it will, and as the city resumes and broadens its role as the cultural and intellectual capital of the world, Columbia will be a vital partner."

Lee C. Bollinger '71L
PHOTO: THE MICHIGAN DAILY

"We are delighted to have Lee Bollinger rejoin the Columbia family," said David J. Stern '65L, chairman of the Board of Trustees. "Columbia has gained tremendous momentum during the last eight years under George Rupp's leadership. With Lee's record of accomplishment, with his talent and vision, he will surely build on that record and ensure that Columbia remains one of the world's great universities."

The search committee did not release the names of any other candidates for the presidency, although Stephen Trachtenberg '59, president of the George Washington University, told the *Columbia Spectator* that he had been interviewed about two weeks before the committee recommended Bollinger. King said his committee had reviewed some 500 nominations in 10 meetings, first cutting the list to about 40 and then narrowing it further before settling on Bollinger, who had been a finalist in Harvard's recent presidential search and a leading candidate for the position at Princeton as well.

"He has a proven track record in a major, distinguished university that is just as complex as Columbia," King said of Bollinger. "We did a lot of homework, including calls to faculty, students, alumni and regents in Michigan. The reports we got were very, very positive, and that is putting it mildly."

Stiglitz Wins Nobel Prize in Economics

BY LISA PALLADINO

Professor **Joseph E. Stiglitz**, who joined the Columbia faculty in July from Stanford, has been awarded the Nobel Prize in Economics. Stiglitz is the fifth Columbia faculty member, and the third member of the economics department, to win the award in the past six years.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences honored Stiglitz, along with George Akerlof of California and A. Michael Spence P'04 of Stanford, for their "analyses of markets with asymmetric information."

Stiglitz is the former chief economist at the World Bank and has appointments at the School of International and Public Affairs, the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and the Business School. His work is considered the broadest among the three winners, whose findings explain, among other things, why consumers view warranties as signals of product quality, why insurance companies vary premiums and offer deductibles, and why a used car sells even though it is a lemon. Their theories incorporated "imperfect information" into economics — a concept at odds with the mainstream view that markets are all-knowing and self-correcting.

The academy noted that Stiglitz "clarified the opposite type of market adjustment, where poorly informed agents extract information from the better informed, such as the screening performed by insurance companies dividing customers into risk classes by offering a menu of contracts where higher deductibles can be exchanged for significantly lower premiums. In a number of contributions about different markets, Stiglitz has shown that asymmetric information can provide the key to understanding many observed market phenomena, including unemployment

Joseph E. Stiglitz

and credit rationing."

Stiglitz noted that "economics can make a difference" in improving people's lives by "focusing on the difference between the haves and have-nots. … Our global system is characterized by a lot of inequities," he added. "One part of the market knows more than another, and in a sense imperfect or asymmetric information is at the heart of our work."

Stiglitz became a tenured professor at Yale at the age of 27 and has been on the faculty of Princeton and Oxford as well as Stanford. At 29, he became a fellow of the Econometric Society, and he is a member of the National Academy of Science. He also is the recipient of the prestigious John Bates Clark Medal, awarded every two years to the American economist under the age of 40 who has made the most significant contributions to the subject.

Stiglitz has been influential in the making and evaluation of economic policy in the last decade, serving on President Clinton's Council of Economic Advisers, first as a member and later as chairman with cabinet rank, before becoming chief economist of the World Bank.

Overall, 63 individuals who have taught or studied at Columbia have won the Nobel Prize since it was first awarded in 1901, including 21 current or former faculty members who won the prize for work done while at Columbia. The late William S. Vickrey was awarded the Nobel Prize in Economics in 1996 and Robert Mundell received the prize three years later.

CAMPUS BULLETINS

■ MOVING ON: Vice President for Public Affairs **Alan Stone**, who has served at Columbia for six years, is leaving this month to take an equivalent job at Harvard. Stone is the first high-ranking Columbia administrator to announce his departure since President George Rupp announced last spring that he would be retiring at the end of the 2001-02 academic year.

Stone stated that he is leaving Columbia because "change is a good thing professionally." *The Boston Globe* reported in August that Harvard was considering Stone as a successor to Paul Grogan, who held the position until July 1. Stone initially delayed accepting Harvard's offer because he felt obliged to focus exclusively on Columbia's escalated demand for public relations in the wake of the attacks on September 11.

"I am impressed with Alan's breadth of experience, his grasp of the challenges inherent in this position and his steady demeanor," said Harvard President Lawrence Summers, who knew Stone from their work together in the Clinton administration.

Virgil Renzulli, who served as assistant vice president under Stone in the Office of Public Affairs, observed, "There are two hallmarks of his work at Columbia: a better integration of divisions [community, government, news] within the Office of Public Affairs, and a better awareness of what strategies Columbia's administration expects from the office." Stone brought Columbia's *Record* and aspects of the University's Web site under the auspices of his office and helped to realize Columbia's goal of a better off-campus community relationship.

■ CHECK IT OUT: **James Neal**, former dean of university libraries at Johns Hopkins, began serving as Columbia's vice president for information services and university librarian on September 1. A Rutgers alumnus, Neal earned a certificate in advanced librarianship and a master's of science from Columbia's School of Library Science as well as an M.A. in history from GSAS.

At Johns Hopkins, Neal managed the library system and oversaw the Center for Educational Resources, an instructional technology support facility similar to the Columbia Center for New Media Teaching and Learning; the Digital Knowledge Center, a research and development unit focused on digital libraries and emerging technologies; and the library entrepreneurial program, a network of e-commerce initiatives. In addition to being dean of the Johns Hopkins libraries (1998-2001), he also has served as Sheridan Director of the Milton S. Eisenhower Library (1995-2001), dean of the University Libraries at Indiana University (1989-95) and in administrative positions at the libraries of Penn State, Notre Dame and CUNY.

At Columbia, Neal will oversee the operations of the University library system — the 10th largest research library in North America — and the University's Academic Information Systems. He will manage library collections, shape the libraries' electronic resource programs and continue to develop the libraries' state-of-the-art networks.

■ WE'RE NO. 9: Columbia tied for ninth place in this year's *U.S. News & World Report* ranking of colleges, up a notch from last year. Princeton climbed to the top spot from a tie for fourth a year ago, supplanting Cal Tech atop the controversial list. Harvard and Yale were tied for second with Cal Tech fourth, MIT and Stanford tied for fifth, Duke eighth and Columbia, Chicago and Dartmouth tied for ninth.

The magazine uses 16 categories in preparing its rankings, including academic reputation, graduation rate, proportion of classes

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YOUNG ACHIEVERS: Charles Ardai '91 *(center) and his wife, Naomi Novik, share a moment with Dean Austin Quigley at the first Columbia College Young Alumni Achievement Award reception, held on September 20 in New York. Ardai, president and CEO of Juno Online Services, shared the inaugural award with* Virginia Cornish '91, *assistant professor of chemistry at Columbia and the first female graduate of the College to hold a full-time faculty position.*
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with fewer than 20 or more than 50 students, selectivity, financial resources and alumni giving. The categories are weighted and a final score is produced.

Columbia's reported alumni giving rate of 32 percent ranked last among the eight Ivy League schools and 21st overall.

■ GRANTED: The National Science Foundation has awarded the University $90,000 to conduct an oral history project on the World Trade Center attacks of September 11. Across a two-year period, researchers will collect and analyze life stories of individuals in New York and around the country who were affected by the attack. "Narrative Networks: The World Trade Center Tragedy" was initiated by Mary Marshall Clark, director of Columbia's Oral History Research Office. The other principal investigator is Peter Bearman, director of the Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy and chair of Columbia's Department of Sociology.

Of special interest to investigators is how the event emerges as an important turning point in people's lives. They also hope to understand how narratives of the tragedy are shaped by, and shape understandings of, immigration status, race, social class and ethnicity.

■ ON STAGE: After years of success in film, **Anna Paquin '04** made her stage debut on October 30. Paquin appears in the New York premiere of Rebecca Gilman's early play *The Glory of Living*, directed by Philip Seymour Hoffman, at MCC Theater on West 28th Street.

The play, which officially opens after two weeks of previews on November 12 and runs through December 9, is a black comedy about the abduction of a hitchhiker by a young couple in Alabama. Paquin plays Lisa, a neglected and abused teenager whose older, ex-con husband manipulates her into a world of sex and brutality. Paquin's film credits include her Academy Award-winning role in the 1993 film *The Piano* and her more recent box-office success, *X-Men*.

■ ON SCREEN: **Julia Stiles '04**, star of the recently released *O*, a modern adaptation of Shakespeare's *Othello*, won a 2001 MTV Movie Award (along with Sean Patrick Thomas) for Best Kiss from her summer hit *Save the Last Dance*. Stiles hosted *Saturday Night Live*, did a number of media appearances and had an article published in *The New York Daily News* to help publicize *O*, which was released just before the start of the fall semester. Stiles, who was on the cover of the premiere issue of *Teen Elle* magazine, recently signed a production and development deal with Paramount and MTV Films, the maker of *Save the Last Dance*. Under the agreement, she will receive production credits and help develop starring vehicles. Other upcoming projects include *Carolina* and *The Bourne Identity*, both scheduled for release in 2002.

■ SWEDISH STUDY: **Meghan Keswick '04** received a scholarship from the Swedish Women's Educational Association New York Chapter to study language in Sweden this past summer. Presented in May at Deutsches Haus, the award allowed Keswick, a Cincinnati native of Swedish-American descent, to take beginning Swedish lessons at Folkuniversitet in Lund, Sweden.

TRANSITIONS

■ NEW CHAIR: **David J. Stern '66L** is the new chair of the University's Board of Trustees. Stern, who has been a trustee since 1992 and most recently served as vice chair, succeeds **Stephen Friedman '62L.** Stern headed the second phase of the University's highly successful 10-year capital campaign that raised $2.8 billion. His day job is commissioner of the National Basketball Association, a post he has held since 1984. During that time, the league has enjoyed an unprecedented period of prosperity and global growth, expanding to 29 franchises and opening business offices around the world.

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■ NEW COORDINATOR: **Misumbo Byrd** is the new program coordinator for the Office of Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Education. An experienced trainer, educator and program developer, Byrd has conducted workshops on violence against women and worked with survivors of domestic violence as well as offenders. Byrd envisions forming a support network among OSMPE, Alice! and the Rape Crisis Center. She also plans to focus on staff training as well as student services, and hopes to foster "constructive alliances between and among students and staff." Byrd is a New York native and most recently worked with Change Works, Inc.

■ NEW PROFESSOR: **Rodolfo de la Garza**, an expert on Latino political behavior and immigration, joined the political science department this fall as a full professor. In addition to his professorship, de la Garza is continuing his work with the Tomas Rivera Policy Institute, a think tank based at California's Claremont Graduate University that conducts policy research on issues affecting Latino communities. De la Garza is vice president of the institute, which will now have affiliations with Columbia, Claremont and the University of Texas, where de la Garza most recently taught.

"Part of my work continues to be examining whether Latinos have a political agenda that is different from the so-called American agenda. And if so, does it undermine it or does it broaden it?" de la Garza said. At Columbia, he plans to form a center to study immigration and immigrants, which will be part of the Institute of Social and Economic Research and Policy.

Named one of the 100 Most Influential Hispanics by *Hispanic* magazine in 1998, de la Garza has been an election observer in the Dominican Republic and Mexico. He has co-authored *Awash in the Mainstream: Latinos and the 1996 Election*, *Making Americans, Remaking America: Immigration and Immigrant Policy* and *Barrio Ballots: Latinos and the 1990 Elections*.

IN LUMINE TUO

■ SOCIAL CRITIC: **Andrew Delbanco**, Julian Clarence Levi Professor in the Humanities, was named "America's Best Social Critic" by *Time* in its September 17 issue. *Time*'s John Cloud wrote, "Delbanco's contribution … comes with every student he inspires. His model would appear to be Emerson, who, 'like every great teacher,' as Delbanco once wrote, was in the business of trying to 'get the soul out of bed, out of her deep habitual sleep.' Delbanco is doing his part to jostle her awake, too." Cloud added, "Delbanco reads America and its literature so closely and so well, finding so much meaning in our great books, even for 2001 — especially for 2001 — that he stands worthy of recognition."

Delbanco's work encompasses American history, literature and religion. His books include *Required Reading: Why Our American Classics Matter Now* (1997, Farrar, Straus & Giroux), *The Death of Satan: How Americans Have Lost the Sense of Evil* (1995, Farrar, Straus & Giroux), *The Real American Dream* (1999, Harvard) and *The Puritan Ordeal* (1989, Harvard), which won a Lionel Trilling Award. He writes frequently on literary and cultural topics for *The New York Review of Books*.

Delbanco also is a trustee of the PEN American Center, the National Humanities Center and the Library of America. Elected to the prestigious American Academy of Arts and Sciences earlier this year, Delbanco currently is working on *Melville's World*, which explores why the work of author Herman Melville was dismissed in his day but is celebrated now.

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University Professor Caroline Walker Bynum Reflects on Influence, Identity and Teaching

By Mary Jungeun Lee '01

Stacks of papers are neatly arranged in rows in her Fayerweather office, with bright, crystalline rocks serving as paperweights. A bulletin board hangs along one wall, overfilled with flyers — reminders of future talks and panel discussions. One flyer includes a photograph of herself without her large glasses, which tend to dominate her small face; it is paired with a photo of her mother as a young woman, and a heading about an upcoming talk on metamorphosis spans the two photos. Other photographs are pinned next to these flyers, including one of her standing with her Contemporary Civilization class in her Riverside Drive apartment after a catered dinner. Alongside are photos of some of her graduate students and their babies.

This office in Fayerweather is a sanctuary, one whose quiet is occasionally broken by the sound of a horn or a car alarm from Amsterdam Avenue. Books lie open on her two desks, surrounded by more stacks of papers, post-it pads, and students' papers with detailed comments penciled in along the margins. Endless volumes line the walls, all neatly arranged into categories — from current projects and specific courses she is teaching to new scholarship in medieval research. Judging from this mini-library on the Middle Ages, some might presume the occupant of this office to be a self-absorbed academic, one who prefers surrounding herself in the Ivory Tower with her books and her neatly stacked papers and insulating herself from the anxious students waiting for office hours to begin. This is hardly the case.

Caroline Walker Bynum is one of the most widely recognized names in European history, and perhaps the most important name in medieval studies today. She is the author of such pioneering books as *Jesus as Mother: Studies in the Spirituality of the High Middle Ages* (University of California Press, 1984); the Philip Schaff prize-winning *Holy Feast and Holy Fast: The Religious Significance of Food to Medieval Women* (University of California Press, 1988); *Fragmentation and Redemption: Essays on Gender and the Human Body in Medieval Religion* (Zone Books, 1990), and *The Resurrection of the Body in Western Christianity, 200-1336* (Columbia University Press, 1995), which was awarded the Ralph Waldo Emerson Prize of Phi Beta Kappa as best book of the year in 1995 on "the intellectual and cultural condition of man." Small wonder that, with six honorary degrees and some 11 books and 34 articles to her credit, she was named University Professor in 1999 — the first woman in history to be awarded Columbia's highest faculty honor. University Professors, of which there are 12, are named in recognition of exceptional scholarly merit as well as distinguished service to Columbia, and are permitted to teach in any department of the University.

Yet there is another side to this Southerner, one that her books can't convey and that her spacious Fayerweather office only hints at. Sure she's serious, but always with a light-hearted laugh and raised eyebrows that seem to say that the pretentious are intolerable.

Bynum is petite, with a Southern drawl, owl-rimmed glasses and a bobbed haircut that frames her thin face. Standing in front of her classes, she constantly gesticulates with her tiny hands, insists that her students read works like *The Republic* and *Leviathan* to better understand their own convictions, and isn't afraid to issue a "Writing Advisory!" to students whose grammatical mistakes have "annoyed Professor Bynum."

This southern medievalist may be small in stature, but she is no pushover — nor is she quiet. Bynum presses her students to overcome timidity, to "share ideas" because "the class would benefit from your intelligence." She's a teacher who cares enough to continuously press her students to improve their writing, because it is a life-long challenge to "clearly express one's ideas." A typical comment: "Some great ideas here — but learn to be more forthright with them."

A Southern Medievalist

To unwind from the rigors of academia, Bynum explores home-style recipes as what her grandmother called a "good plain cook." She loves cabbage dishes, but no longer cooks many of them because her husband is German and over the years has grown tired of the vegetable. An avid reader of fiction, Bynum also loves baroque opera, having developed this appreciation while living in Berlin. She often takes walks along Riverside Drive with friends from the Columbia faculty. She also enjoys other areas of New York City and the plethora of museums, particularly the Metropolitan, where she took students from her spring seminar, "Medieval Religious Thought & Practice," to view the reliquaries and crucifixes and discuss ideas they had read and talked about in their Fayerweather classroom.

Southern Roots in the Middle Ages

Teaching has always been an integral part of Bynum's career and personal life. She held professorships at Harvard, the Harvard Divinity School and the University of Washington before coming to Columbia in 1988. However, her love of ideas, and the sharing of them, long predates her formal teaching positions.

Daughter of professors Merle and Andrew Jackson Walker, Bynum grew up in Atlanta in a liberal Southern household fueled by intellectual ideas, from metaphysical questions about time to the classics of English literature. "I think the kind of historian that I became — historian of ideas, historian of religion, intellectual historian, a historian strongly interested in interpretation, not just in seeking out the facts — was strongly influenced by growing up with a mother who argued philosophically."

Growing up in the South also had a tremendous influence on her interest in the Middle Ages. Sitting amidst her books in her Fayerweather office, Bynum says, "It is often pointed out that the antebellum South is like the Middle Ages, that living on a Southern plantation has affinities to the great estate in the ninth century. Plantations, ladies in long dresses, a military culture for the men — that's Southern; that's the antebellum South."

Her Southern roots meant more than just a curiosity with the past; they also meant a coming to terms with one's past. "I think the American South is the part of the United States with the strongest sense of history," she says, "the strongest sense of being rooted in a past, and the strongest sense of a complex relationship with the past. After all, if you have Southern ancestors, you grow up in a defeated country and you grow up in a country that was defeated for what you think was the right reason; you come from a region that lost a war, and you *should* have lost the war; you were fighting for the wrong thing. You have a very complicated relationship with the past because you're always thinking, 'What can I preserve, but what do I give up?'

Questions about influence, the self, the person and giving something up have always been issues that intersect in Bynum's personal and professional life. As a historian of medieval religion, Bynum studies different factors that triggered divergence in thought and religious practice in the European past.

In the fall of '98, Bynum asked her CC class what it means to die for beliefs, for interpretation, for convictions — a broader question about Socrates and Perpetua, those greats of the Western past, whose texts have survived more than 1,800 years and are studied today by all College students. This question also permeates her personal life, manifesting itself in her scholarly interests in religion. "I had a very strong religious upbringing that led me to be interested in the Middle Ages and in negotiating some kind of relationship with something I am not 100 percent enthusiastic about, but that I don't also simply want to jettison. So, the South and the Christian Church are both things about which I feel ambivalent, but also not which I feel I'm ready to throw away."

"Caroline's teaching and scholarship exhibit an enormous range in both method and subject matter," said Columbia President George Rupp when Bynum was named a University Professor in 1999. The lower photo shows Bynum at age 6.

PHOTOS: TOP, EILEEN BARROSO; BOTTOM, COURTESY CAROLINE BYNUM.

The Move North

Like so many other teenagers, Bynum needed to leave her home to explore new and different places. She moved out and headed for Boston to begin her university education at Radcliffe. "I had never been out of the American South for a single day and I was anxious to get away," Bynum recalls.

As a 17-year-old freshman, Bynum immediately felt the differences that distinguished her from her Northern peers. She felt her identity inextricably defined by her Southern background, with assumptions about her character, intelligence and social mores. "Being a Southerner was difficult," she says. "There was a lot of Northern prejudice. I was from the last non-integrated high school class; integration had just come in and the civil

rights movement was getting strong. It was a very activist time and many Northerners from protected backgrounds that I went to school with came from great wealth and great social privilege, which of course I did not."

"I spoke differently," Bynum adds. "Among other things, as a Southerner, people thought that I was racist; they just assumed that you were racist if you came from the South. I remember once around Thanksgiving time of my freshman year, I was in Harvard Square with someone who lived in my dorm. We were walking around and talking and suddenly, she looked at me and said, 'You know, you're not stupid.' And I just looked at her and she said, 'I always thought that you were stupid because you talked so funny.' That's how it was. People were not sensitive to difference."

As a girl growing up in the South and as a student in the late '50s and early '60s, Bynum faced very different expectations from those most American women face today. Bynum and her generation of women encountered what she describes as a "classic double bind." Reflecting on psychologist Matina Homer's theory on women and success, Bynum says, "There was an expectation that women would avoid success because they were on two tracks that conflicted. In other words, you were expected to be bright and an achiever, and you were also expected to marry; and those were expected to be in conflict. You were expected to choose one or the other. And you can't win in that situation."

Midway through Radcliffe, Bynum found herself caught

"I'm not really a conventional medievalist.... So in that sense, I had a hard time settling in."

in this double bind. She got married and later began publishing under her husband's name, and continued to publish under that name after their divorce. "I got married at the end of my sophomore year and I transferred to the University of Michigan because my husband was in law school there. This was, again, the double bind, the double pull. There I was on the fast track at Radcliffe and I had decided to leave and transfer to Michigan."

Time had suddenly hit her. Bynum thought that if one didn't get married when first asked, then maybe one would never get married, a pressure that even today she finds hard to explain. "It is crazy to think now how those pressures were on women," she says. "It was a complicated decision, very much like my mother's decision to leave teaching."

Leaving Radcliffe, a scholarly world she had grown to love, Bynum nevertheless found the highest level of education at Michigan, enrolling in the very selective Honors Program. After graduating with high honors, Bynum returned to Cambridge to begin doctoral work at Harvard in medieval history, a specific period that she had not concentrated on as an undergraduate. It was during her graduate work that Bynum focused on medieval history and found her voice. Her love for teaching flowered.

Today, Bynum, whose work — such as *Jesus as Mother*, the award-winning *Holy Feast and Holy Fast*, and *The Resurrection of the Body* — often flows beyond departmental boundaries, is always interested in discussing the complicated nature of method, interpretation and perspective. "Everything is from a particular point of view and perspective," Bynum reminds her students. "In complicated interpretations, one always has to factor in that one is making an interpretation."

For Bynum, intelligent reading is a fundamental part of her role as teacher. It is a practice she believes can best be taught by example. "You can't give students five rules on how to read and expect them to go out and do it," she says. "You want to try to get students to find something that they love. That's when you can really make an impact."

This fervor for close, careful and slow reading comes from a woman with a long record of academic achievements. Flipping through her curriculum vitae is a humbling experience. The lists of awards, publications and distinctions cover 14 pages. Bynum's impressive C.V. seems to shout that she always knew what she wanted to do. Bynum, however, sees it from another perspective. "If you look at it one way," she said, "it looks as if I always knew what I wanted to do. But in another way, it looks like I was always backing myself into corners, making it hard to do it. And like I said, it was something women in my generation tended to do."

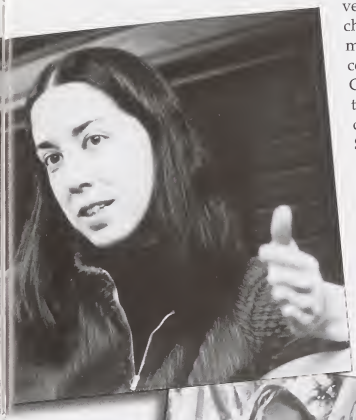
"I think I always knew what kinds of problems fascinated me and that I wanted to work on those problems," Bynum adds, "but I think that I did not know what was going to happen in the social context, and I didn't know the departmental or disciplinary boundaries. I was having a hard time figuring out who I was, in terms of discipline. I'm not really a conventional medievalist. I seem to get letters all the time addressed to 'Caroline Bynum, Art History,' 'Caroline Bynum, English,' 'Caroline Bynum, Comparative Literature,' or 'Caroline Bynum, Department of Religion;' people who read my books don't know, even today, what department I'm in. So in that sense, I had a hard time settling in."

Even in the process of writing a book, Bynum says, "I flail around here, there and yon. But when I figure out what it is that I want to work on, I feel as if I have come home. I somehow know when I come to it, this is the kind of topic that I want to work on. Some of that was always there, even when I was in high school and in college. I remember in college I wrote a paper on which the professor had written at the bottom, 'A+. But, this isn't history.' And I kept on having experiences like that. People would say, 'Whatever this is, it's excellent. But it doesn't fit our rubric. It isn't what you're supposed to be doing in this class.'"

Yet perhaps excellence comes from an ability to think beyond the categories that can constrain a person. Perhaps it comes from doing what she *knows* she's supposed to be doing, rather than what others tell her she should be doing.

Sexual Politics

Though she has had challenges settling into departmental categories, Bynum always has been sure of her love of teaching, even while battling sexual politics in the '70s. While an assistant professor of history at Harvard, Bynum became increasingly conscious of the deeply rooted sexism of the academy and of her identity as one of only 12 female professors throughout the entire university. Aware of the changes yet to be made, Bynum and a colleague founded the Committee on the Status of Women, producing a report, "The Status of Women in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences," that has since been studied by feminists, such as Parr Professor of English and Comparative Literature Ann Douglas, as a treatise on the state of academia and women.



Bynum, as photographed by one of her students at the University of Washington (top), and with her husband, Guenther Roth, and her daughter, Antonia, in 1987.
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Bynum received hate mail for fighting for women; she was stalked for six months because of her radical demands. Yet, she admits, "It was also, in a curious kind of way, fun. I knew there was no chance that I would be kept on at Harvard, so somehow I didn't have to worry about that. I knew that it was wrong that there were few women at Harvard and the right thing was to get more. Pure and simple."

Bynum and her committee found discriminatory procedures justified by the university that echoed the condition of women in professional careers in the '70s. "We discovered that the art history department had two lists. They had a list that ranked students according to their credentials for admissions. And they had a list according to which they gave fellowship money. On the first list, all the women were at the top. And on the second list, all the women were at the bottom. They did this because they said that women aren't a good investment — they could have babies and drop out."

The pressure of being a woman in a male-dominated profession, and making her voice heard in a politically charged era, was nothing compared to the tragedy of losing a close friend. Cambridge was the site of a violent event that changed Bynum's views and her life forever. "The same year when I was at Harvard and on the Committee on the Status of Women, and under a lot of pressure, my closest friend was raped and murdered."

"It sometimes seems as if my life divides into two parts," Bynum adds. "Somehow after that, I stopped thinking that there is any justice in the world at all; and since I accepted that there is no justice in the world, I decided that there is no point in complaining about anything. There was no point to self-pity. You couldn't just sit around and say, 'It's not fair. It's not fair that women are discriminated against. It's not fair that I can't have children.' Because, who on Earth would listen?

"It made me a lot tougher. Somehow connected to that was the decision to leave Harvard, to go to Washington, to adopt a child. It threw me back on myself. And somehow after that I knew that *that's* what you've got — yourself."

A Specific Breed of Historian

Bynum's time as professor of history at the University of Washington and as a new mother belied the claims of her former Harvard colleagues — she certainly was not someone who would have babies and drop off the face of academia. Instead, she achieved greater distinction than most men in her field, even while raising a daughter. She is a no-nonsense woman, serious about her teaching, serious about her writing. While her daughter took afternoon naps, Bynum took up pencil and paper and began writing about Christian iconography and women who experienced the raptures of Christ's flesh. Balancing her life in this way, she was able to move seamlessly from packed lecture halls to finger-painting with her daughter to seeking her notepad to jot down thoughts during the quiet moments of the afternoons while her daughter slept. Switching gears quickly resulted in the publication of *Jesus as Mother* and the book that established her arrival as a major intellectual voice, *Holy Feast and Holy Fast.*

"It was a juggling act," says Bynum. "But it was a doable juggling act." A male colleague commented on her level of

energy and her ability to be so prolific, and Bynum admits to thinking at that time, "I write my books when you play squash, eat lunch, gossip in the halls."

She doesn't care as much for brown-bag lunches as she does for seeking out more evidence on the lives of medieval women and their food asceticism. She doesn't care for departmental politics as much as she does for improving her students' writing.

Thinking about the kind of historian she has become, Bynum goes back to a moment when she was a child. "One of the earliest memories that I have is of the ending of the Second World War," she reflects. "I remember being off with my parents at a lake. Everybody was clustered around the radio. I remember pulling on people and asking what's going on and being told that the war was over. Then I remember going home, and the children in the neighborhood went out on the street with little American flags. We paraded up and down, shouting, 'The war is over, the war is over.'

"I think that has something to do with becoming a European historian. In my childhood, Europe — what was happening in Europe — was absolutely formative. My father thought that FDR was the greatest hero in the history of the world. And the horror of the Holocaust was coming out.... I think it made a kind of orientation toward Europe that's hard to understand now."

Bynum, a former president of the American Historical Society and the American Catholic Historical Association, wrote about this strong sense of Europe in an article, "The Last Eurocentric Generation." "I wrote about why, for us, Europe was the center — not only as a historical issue, but also as a moral issue," she explains. "Europe really carried the burden of things one had to sort out about what it means to be human. That's not true anymore. What I was trying to think about in that 'think piece' was, 'What does it mean as one moves away from European history being done by people like me, who were Eurocentric, to people who would be doing European history and enjoying it, but won't be Eurocentric anymore?'"

"Europe is not going to be the lone star, the weight, the fulcrum, the way it was for my generation. And I think it's in part because of the war, when we were fighting for other people, against other people, on another continent. It was a different sort of question. That makes a difference. And that has something to do with the kind of historian that I am."

Whether labeled European or medieval, Bynum is a historian whose contributions to the Columbia community are "extraordinary," according to Jonathan Cole '64, provost and dean of faculties of the University. Describing her as "a great and demanding teacher," Cole adds, "When we try to think of the great historians working today, the name Caroline Bynum comes immediately to mind. With consummate skill, incredible erudition and scholarly depth, along with an innovative point of view, Caroline has opened up entirely new areas of medieval history."

Change and Continuity

In her newest book, *Metamorphosis and Identity* (Zone Books, 2001), Bynum explores images in the Middle Ages that convey shifts in paradigms and different understandings of change. As always, Bynum considers contemporary notions of change and the concepts and images that we have in our lives. For Bynum, witnessing her father develop Alzheimer's and his metamorphosis influenced her intellectual interests in these ideas.

She would visit her father against others' recommendations that she shouldn't, because he might not recognize her or know that she has a daughter of her own. To Bynum, it didn't seem right that this tremendously intellectual man, who inspired her interests in literature, would still gesture as if tipping his hat like a Southern gentleman (when it had been years since he'd worn a hat) and not be the same person. So Bynum continued to visit her father regularly and thought further about what it means to change, what it means to have an identity.

"In a funny kind of way, these things that seem like personal tragedies also have intellectual significance," Bynum says. "What does it mean for a person to survive in a postmodern world? We don't, any longer, believe that we are the same person from moment to moment — in terms of body, or even in terms of memory. We know how labile and changeable memory is. You can't just say, 'The person's the body or the person's the soul or the person's the person.' It's very problematic. How, then, can one talk about what it means to be a person over time?"

This is a question her students tackle in reading about the lives of medieval women like Dhuoda, Hildegard of Bingen, Catherine of Siena, and Margery Kempe. It is also a question Bynum asks in thinking back upon her own life, from waving an American flag as a young Southern girl celebrating the end of the war to the medievalist she is today, writing about identity in the Middle Ages. In discussing Gerald of Wales in *Metamorphosis and Identity*, Bynum writes, "Identity tends to have divergent denotations. Nonetheless change is the test, the limit, of all denotations of the term 'identity.' I may, for example test what constitutes my identity understood as personality by imagining what would have to change through a mental illness such as Alzheimer's in order for 'me' to cease to be 'me.'"

Her dedication to teaching and her insistence that people think carefully about particulars — whether it's in the classroom, for a weekly "think piece" writing assignment, or in one's personal life — are eye-opening and transforming experiences that her students take away from Columbia. A single conversation with Bynum always has intellectual questions with significance to one's academic work, and, more importantly, significance to life experiences.

"You trust people you've shared ideas with," she points out to her students. "If you really talk, whether it is about Heloise and Abelard, or whether it's the war in Bosnia, or whether it's genetic research, with professors you *know*, maybe you could start talking to them about what you're going to do after graduation. Then you've got a real advising relationship."

Bynum, 60, plans to continue teaching for at least another 10 years, and will continue to urge each wave of students to read thoughtfully, always asking questions about the past and the present with as much care to one's own assumptions as to the books that teach us. She does not prefer the Ivory Tower to the fascination of the world. She loves ideas; as a historian, she is constantly seeking what is behind them, and as a teacher, she is constantly urging her students to do the same.

Mary Jungeun Lee '01, *an English major at the College, now works for the A&E cable network.*

Says colleague Martha Howell, professor and former chair of the history department, "Professor Bynum is indisputably the most influential American medievalist of her generation. Her meticulous and imaginative exploration of the texts and artworks that have come down to us from these centuries has changed the way scholars, students and general readers alike understand the age."

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Bookshelf

The Amendment That Refused to Die: A History of the Fourteenth Amendment, updated edition, by *Howard N. Meyer '34*. The second revision of the Pulitzer Prize-nominated study that argues that the Civil War was a necessary corrective to the "tyranny" of states permitted under the original American constitution (Madison Books, $17.95 paper).

In and Out of the University and Adversity by *Edward Le Comte '39*. The autobiography of a SUNY-Albany English professor, including wry remembrances of his time as a student, graduate student and young instructor at Columbia (Writers Club Press, $18.95 paper).

Learning Disabilities and Psychic Conflict: A Psychoanalytic Casebook by *Arden Aibel Rothstein* and *Jules Glenn '42*. This volume uses theoretical and clinical analysis as well as nine case studies to sensitize psychoanalysts to the presence of learning disabilities in cases where such disabilities seem unlikely or are not readily apparent (International Universities Press, $78).

The Splendid Feast of Reason by *S. Jonathan Singer '43*. At the core of this "celebration of rationality and rationalists" is an account of the knowledge that modern science provides, notably a humanistic summary of recent achievements in the study of biology (University of California Press, $24.95).

Ending the Bronze Age by *Stephen Edward Seadler '46*. A short digest of the author's *Principia Ideologica*, which outlined remedies for the "savageries inherent in contemporary civilizations" and suggested "new defenses of peace" (ID Center, $9 paper).

Citizen Sarris, American Film Critic, edited by *Emanuel Levy*, foreword by *Martin Scorsese*. The 38 essays in this volume pay tribute to Professor of Film Andrew Sarris '51, who made his home both in popular journalism (as film critic for *The Village Voice*) and in academia — and who has been described as the most influential American critic in film history (Scarecrow Press, $45).

Smiling Through the Cultural Catastrophe: Toward the Revival of Higher Education by *Jeffrey Peter Hart '52*. This guide to major Western literary works emphasizes the productive tension in the West between the classical and biblical strains, which the Dartmouth professor emeritus argues are at the root of our culture and help explain its achievements (Yale University Press, $26.95).

Toward a Sustainable Whaling Regime, edited by *Robert L. Friedheim '55*. A collection of essays that takes a critical look at the background, effectiveness, ethics and future of the International Whaling Commission's 15-year-old ban on whaling (University of Washington Press, $35).

Prevention and Treatment of Some Common Eye Conditions by *E. Michael Geiger '58*. This pamphlet by the past president of the Queens County Optometric Society emphasizes nutritional treatment, rather than common medical remedies, for common eye maladies (Exxel, $5 paper).

Myths of Venice: The Figuration of a State by *David Rosand '59*, Meyer Schapiro Professor of Art History. An exploration of the imagery — paintings, sculpture and architecture — that Venice used for centuries to present itself as the Most Serene Republic, independent and free of internal strife (University of North Carolina Press, $39.95).

Anarchy! An Anthology of Emma Goldman's *Mother Earth*, edited and with commentary by *Peter Glassgold '60*. The first anthology from the famed anarchist's "monthly magazine devoted to social science and literature," which was a major medium for anarchist and left-leaning American writers from 1906 until the government shut it down in 1917 (Counterpoint Press, $25 paper).

Scientific Controversies: Philosophical and Historical Perspectives, edited by *Peter Machamer '64*, *Marcello Pera* and *Aristides Baltas*. In addition to Machamer, a professor of history and the philosophy of science at the University of Pittsburgh, Columbia contributors to this volume on scientific explanations include Professor of Philosophy Philip Kitcher (Oxford University Press, $45).

Better Environmental Policy Studies: How to Design and Conduct More Effective Analyses by *Lawrence E. Susskind '68*, *Ravi K. Jain* and *Andrew O. Martyniuk*. Five environmental cases not only lay bare the shortfalls in contemporary policy but also lead to more effective methods for making decisions and resolving disputes about the environment (Island Press, $50 cloth, $25 paper).

The Perfect Murder: A Study in Detection by *David Lehman '70*. A paperback reissue of the 1989 study, which explores the essential elements of the American and British whodunit as well as readers' continuing fascination with the mystery genre (University of Michigan Press, $18.95 paper).

Edward Maret: A Novel of the Future by *Robert I. Katz '74*. In this debut novel, a jealous cousin disrupts the marriage of the eponymous patrician, who disappears only to return in the form of a cyborg with an attitude (Willowgate Press, $12.95 paper).

Safe at Home: The True and Inspiring Story of Chicago's Field of Dreams by *Bob Muzikowski '79* with *Gregg Lewis*. The true-life story of Muzikowski's journey from a blue-collar New Jersey childhood to his current role as director of four inner-city Chicago Little Leagues, which were the inspiration for the 2001 Keanu Reeves movie *Hardball* (Zondervan, $16.99).

Feeding the Fire: Poems by *Jeffrey Harrison '80*. The third collection of poems, including several hearkening back to undergraduate days, from the former Guggenheim Fellow and Roger Murray Writer-in-Residence at Phillips Academy (Sarabande Books, $12.95 paper).

Too Beautiful for Words by *Monique W. Morris '94.* In this debut novel, written by a senior research associate at the National Council on Crime and Deliquency, the desperate conditions in the American ghetto form the backdrop for a young man's tortuous relationship with his mother, a prostitute, and his father, her pimp (Amistad Press, $24).

Culture and Politics in the Great Depression by *Alan Brinkley,* Allan Nevins Professor of History. In the 20th Charles Edmondson Historical Lectures, delivered at Baylor University in March 1998, the history department chair discusses four interpretations of the American dream — persistence, empathy, rebellion and community — during the Great Depression (Markham Press Fund, $5.95 paper).

Metamorphosis and Identity by *Caroline Walker Bynum,* University Professor. In this new collection of essays, Columbia's celebrated medievalist (see story, page 8) examines tales of werewolves, vampires, monsters and other late medieval wonders to understand the late 12th century fascination with change and its implications for medieval conceptions of personal identity (Zone Books, $28).

Windward Heights by *Maryse Condé,* Professor of French. A highly praised, lushly written re-imagining of Emily Bronte's *Wuthering Heights* as a tale of obsessive love on the island of Guadeloupe (Soho Press, $13 paper).

Memoirs by *Lorenzo Da Ponte,* edited by *Arthur Livingston,* translated by *Elisabeth Abbott.* The memoirs of an early 19th-century professor of Italian language and literature at Columbia, who is usually remembered for being Mozart's librettist (New York Review Books, $14.95 paper).

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The Madonna of the Future: Essays in a Pluralistic Art World by *Arthur C. Danto,* Johnsonian Professor of Philosophy Emeritus. A hefty compilation of Danto's art columns from *The Nation,* which balance examinations of individual artists with more general discussions of art's historical and cultural environment (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, $35 cloth; University of California Press, $18.95 paper).

Racial Castration: Managing Masculinity in Asian America by *David L. Eng,* Associate Professor of English and Comparative Literature. A new interpretation of Asian-American masculinity uses psychoanalytic theory, cultural production and historical events to explore the role of sexuality in racial formation and the place of race in sexual identity (Duke University Press, $54.95 cloth, $18.95 paper).

The Embodied Image: Chinese Calligraphy from the John B. Elliott Collection *Robert E. Harrist, Jr.,* Jane and Leo Swergold Professor of Chinese Art History, and *Wen C. Fong.* This lavishly illustrated exhibition catalogue, with essays by Chinese and American scholars, offers new perspectives on calligraphy and contains never-before-published Chinese masterpieces (The Art Museum, Princeton University, $75 cloth, $45 paper).

Making Agreements in Medieval Catalonia: Power, Order, and the Written Word, 1000-1200 by *Adam J. Kosto,* Assistant Professor of History. The evolving role of medieval written agreements (*conventientiae*) reveals not only the fluidity of feudal society in medieval Spain but also its underlying stability (Cambridge University Press, $64.95).

Wisdom and Compassion: The Sacred Art of Tibet, expanded edition, by *Marylin M. Rhie* and *Robert A.F. Thurman,* Jey Tsong Khapa Professor of Indo-Tibetan Studies. A richly illustrated guide to the religious significance, iconography and aesthetics of Tibetan sacred art from the ninth to 12th century (Abradale Books, $34.98).

Event Cities 2 by *Bernard Tschumi,* Dean of the School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation. In this sequel to an acclaimed 1994 study, the noted architect addresses the issue of cities and his most recent architectural projects, including the expansion of New York's Museum of Modern Art and the design and construction of Alfred Lerner Hall on the Columbia campus (MIT Press, $35 paper).

American Project: The Rise and Fall of a Modern Ghetto by *Sudhir Alladi Venkatesh,* Assistant Professor of Sociology. Chicago's Robert Taylor Homes provides the setting for the first comprehensive portrait of daily life in post-World War II public housing in America (Harvard University Press, $29.95).

Art and Architecture in Italy: 1600-1750, fourth edition, by *Rudolf Wittkower.* Professor of Art History and Archaeology Joseph Connors was one of three scholars who contributed to this updated version of the famed Columbia art historian's now classic survey of Italian Baroque visual and building arts (Yale University Press, $150 cloth, $75 paper).

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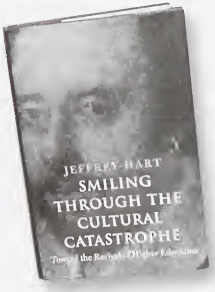

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Aboard the ARC

Alumni interviewers help Admissions shape College classes

BY BILL HUDGINS '72

Do you recall your interview for Columbia? Mine was in November 1967. I don't remember much of what the admissions officer and I discussed. Surely, some of it involved my deep desire to leave my red-clay Virginia hometown for the bright lights of (Upper) Broadway.

I must have been persuasive. Before he left, the admissions officer told the headmaster of my boarding school that he thought that I would be accepted. That left me with a strong sense of obligation and gratitude, so when Admissions recruited me in the late '80s to become a volunteer on the Alumni Representative Committee, I readily agreed.

Today, ARC includes 2,667 alumni in 136 regions around the world, which range from the boroughs of New York City to entire states — such as Tennessee, where I am the chairperson — to great cities such as Singapore.

ARC members interview many of the applicants to the College as well as to the Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science (SEAS). They also represent their schools at college fairs and attend or host receptions for potential applicants and their parents.

The acronym ARC is apt. The members form a human bridge between the applicants and Admissions. "The ARC member may be the only Columbia representative that the candidate meets face-to-face during the admissions process," notes the ARC handbook.

Eric Furda, executive director of undergraduate admissions

It's a bridge that runs both ways, say ARC members, many of whom say they feel enriched by meeting so many outstanding young people and satisfied that they contribute materially to Columbia's intellectual coffers.

Take, for example, Marc McCann '88, who financed his Columbia education through a combination of a John Jay Scholarship, grants, work-study jobs and student loans. McCann taught high school until eight years ago, when he joined a nonprofit agency that operates free programs for Pennsylvania children.

"Given my financial background, my nonprofit wages and the fact that it took 13 years to pay off my student loans, I was looking for a way to give back to a great college without spending money. ARC provided that opportunity to me," McCann says.

"I feel more connected to Columbia and I have a better handle on the current students. I just plain love kids and people, and interviewing candidates is always interesting. The 10 or 20 hours, or whatever time I give, is a small way to help the College without reaching into my wallet."

The interview season starts in October for early decision candidates and runs to the end of February. In November 2000, Admissions put the entire process online as a part of Columbia's Web site. ARC chairpersons use the secure site to communicate with members, assign interviews and track the status of applications. Interviewers can upload reports to the site, saving uncounted hours of paperwork.

Because the Admissions Office already has documentation on grades, interviewers look for more qualitative, subjective information: How do the applicants think? Are they truly interested in Columbia, or are they just going through the motions to appease parents or guidance counselors? Do they appear to possess the intellectual curiosity, drive, discipline and resilience to thrive at Columbia?

Recalls Selina Lam '99E, part of the East Bay (Calif.) ARC group: "My interviewer asked about the classes I was taking at the time and my extracurricular activities. We spent a lot of time talking about the part-time job I had. She wanted to know the kind of work I did and the level of responsibilities I had. I had various part-time jobs and summer internships throughout high school, so I spent a lot of time telling her about them."

Alex Labounsky '68E of Long Beach, Calif., has a long list of key success indicators he looks for in an applicant. Among them are vision, intellectual creativity, capacity to generate new ideas, leadership, motivation, implementation skills, organizational skills, time management skills, good-vs.-bad habits, interpersonal skills, personal dynamism/charisma, a "go do it" energy level, breadth of interests, intensity and depth of interests, persistence, determination and stamina to "get it done," personal character traits, personality traits (e.g., extrovert/introvert), propensity to give more than to receive, mental agility, sharpness and power, intellectual development, deep-thinking abilities, conceptualization capabilities and the ability to see the big picture.

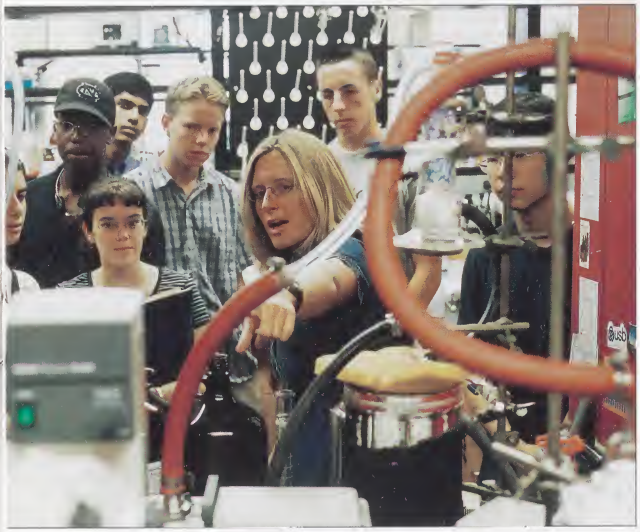
Undergraduate applications have skyrocketed in recent years, leading to dramatic drops in admissions rates. A record 14,094 applications were received by the College for 1,007 places in the Class of 2005, compared to 8,714 applications just six years ago. The College admitted 1,720 students, producing a selectivity rate of 12.2 percent, the lowest in Columbia's history and third-lowest in the Ivy League behind Harvard (10.7) and Princeton (11.7). Engineering has experienced a similar

boom, with applications rising 82 percent since 1995.

"I've been astounded by the quality of the kids we're interviewing," says Vasos Panagiotopoulos '81E of Whitestone, N.Y. "I've felt that more than half of them are superior to most of my former classmates. The two of the 27 I've interviewed who got in were incredible."

"I am constantly amazed at how much the bar gets raised every year," echoes Aloshri Mukerji '97E of Burlington, Mass. "I start to wonder how I ever got into the school. This year, I met a student who had great grades, played sports, was involved, and on top of that had a job at a local hospital where he was writing programs to help decipher MRIs — and he was writing electronic music on the side as a hobby. You wonder how he finds enough hours in the day."

Some ARC representatives suggest that Columbia's current attractiveness has led to more unqualified and even uninterested candidates who vie for time, attention and interviews.



Prospective science majors get a look at Columbia's laboratory facilities during the annual Science Fair held for high school students in August.

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"The most amusing thing that I have encountered in an interview was a candidate who was incapable of summing up in cogent, coherent terms WHY," says Nina Tannenbaum '99 of New York City. "Why Columbia, why the Core, why New York, why whatever. As an interviewer, the hardest thing is convincing myself of the candidate's ability to think.

"When I asked one candidate what so interested him about Columbia, he responded, 'I just think it would be cool to go to Columbia. Columbia is, like, cool. It'd be fun, like, I don't know, it's just cool.' I grinned at my candidate with reassuring agreement and said, 'Yes, Columbia is cool,' as 'lacks intellectual heft' struck me as the cogent synopsis of him. This was confirmed by other aspects of our conversation, but his response to the 'Why Columbia?' question just happened to be the tip of the iceberg."

Applicants and alumni are well aware of the competition for admission. "Not one of the six who I interviewed in the last year got in!" grieves Bob Mauri '67 of Gaithersburg, Md., echoing a common lament. "Consequently, I find myself playing somewhat the role of a therapist. I tell the student about how bad the odds are of getting into Columbia, the unfathomable nature of the Admissions staff's criteria, and that denial of admission at Columbia has no bearing on their talents and promise."

Says Eric Furda, Columbia's executive director of undergraduate admissions, "As interviewers and admission officers, we are painfully aware that highly qualified and compelling candidates are not admitted, given the finite number of spots in the class. In fact, Columbia's relatively small enrollment and the size of the applicant pool means that many eminently qualified candidates will not be admitted.

"Even though I am ultimately responsible for the decisions made by this office, I would be stretching the truth to say that I like, relate to or want to be friends with every student admitted to the class. I think it's dangerous when articles paint a picture of an admissions officer who advocates for students because the applicant reminded the officer of himself or herself when he or she was applying to colleges.

"We take the alumni reports seriously, but there are times when a compelling candidate with a strong interview cannot be admitted. At other times, there may be candidates who did not impress the interviewer but present a mix of talent and accomplishment in other parts of the application that will contribute to the incoming class."

Although only about half of all applicants are interviewed, Furda maintains, "There is no clear advantage or disadvantage to having an interview in terms of the admit rates, although students do feel that they are at a disadvantage if they are not interviewed. If the interviewers are being critical in their observations, there will be a balance between interviews that strongly advocate for a candidate and others that are less supportive."

In our brand-conscious society, prestige drives some applicants. "I've been doing interviews in the Washington, D.C., area since 1993," says Alan Freeman '93. "I'm increasingly impressed by the quality of the applicants, but disturbed by the fact that more and more seem to be applying to Columbia based solely on its reputation as one of the country's top schools, and not necessarily because they know what distinguishes Columbia from its peers.

"For example, the students I interviewed six or seven years ago knew all about the Core Curriculum and were able to explain why they wanted that collegiate experience as opposed to anything else. They seemed to have applied to Columbia based on a thorough understanding of why Columbia was different from other schools.

"These days, I find that most applicants have never even heard of the Core and have not even visited the campus. I can only surmise that their interest in Columbia is based on little more than what they've read in the *U.S. News & World Report* survey."

Although the College and SEAS offer extensive print, video and online information, nothing can quite substitute for some-

Visiting the campus and its facilities is helpful, but not all applicants can do so. For many, ARC is their connection to Columbia.

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one who's been there and done that. Many applicants don't visit campus until after being accepted, so often the ARC interviewer is that person. And that, as Robert Frost might have said, can make all the difference.

Questions about city and dorm life abound. Some of the most frequent questions are about crime and personal safety. Stuart Berkman '66 of Atlanta, a 30-year-plus ARC veteran whose daughter is a member of the Class of 2005, recalls a comment made by the father of a first-year College student. The family has just moved to Atlanta from Washington, D.C., and the father said that his wife was concerned about crime in New York City.

"I replied (and he agreed) that no one who has lived in Washington and is now in Atlanta has any right even to think about safety concerns in New York! Washington and Atlanta are either No. 1 and No. 2 or No. 2 and No. 1 in the U.S. in terms of violent crime, while New York is not even No. 100."

Many ask whether New York City will distract them from academic demands, while others worry about the reverse. They ask about food, transportation, internships, jobs, financial aid, accommodations, roommates, and ethnic and religious organizations. They even ask about the curriculum.

ARC members also reach out to applicants by hosting or attending receptions for prospects. These can be simple gatherings at an alum's home or more elaborate affairs, as Philadelphia ARC chair Mark Momjian '83, '86L relates. His group holds a winter reception every year on the Sunday before the Super Bowl. More than 250 student-applicants and their parents attend, as well as ARC members, current Columbia students and area alumni.

"We honor the students accepted in the early decision pool and award a $1,000 scholarship to the winner of our annual essay contest, which is open to current undergraduates from our area. The award rotates every year among Barnard, Columbia College and SEAS."

They also honor famous Columbians. "A few years ago, we celebrated the life of Clement Clarke Moore, the esteemed Hebrew scholar and author credited with penning the famous poem, 'A Visit From Saint Nicholas.' Two students from the Akiba Hebrew Academy (both of whom were accepted in the early decision pool) presented the world premiere of *"'Twas the Night Before Christmas'* in Hebrew!"

T. Irving Chang '60C and Nick NgPack '78 host a similar gathering each summer in Honolulu. "Parents have been very pleased, as we cover topics such as banking, buying winter clothes, getting set up in the residence halls and other mundane subjects about which parents like to hear," says Chang. "The new kids enjoy the get-together as they meet their classmates and the upper classpersons and get the skinny on the school. The upperclasspersons enjoy it because they are networking with the alums, and they get to see the new faces."

What do ARC members get from their participation?

"Interviewing is fun and enjoyable," says Labounsky. "The more you do it, the more you hone your interviewing skills, which can be useful when your employer asks you to interview applicants for new or expanding project/program positions.

"You hear what the applicants say about their schools, classes, and teachers and so much more about what it's like in their schools today in comparison to what you remember of your school experiences years ago. This feedback helps you to gauge just how good these supposedly better high schools are [that are] right in your backyard."

"I love being an interviewer for the applicants to Columbia in West Tennessee, simply for the stimulation that it provides me," says John Boatner '62. "No altruism, here! Quite to the contrary. My motivation is entirely self-oriented."

Tom Ferguson '74 started interviewing while a senior, served as an admissions officer for two years, and now heads the East Bay Committee in Piedmont, Calif. "I saw that through being an interviewer for Columbia I was going to meet a lot of interesting and knowledgeable people and broaden my horizons considerably."

Ferguson says it also can be personally satisfying, recalling "a memorable moment: being stopped on campus by someone who asked if I remembered him. I said no. He said, 'You interviewed me when I applied here, and what you said made me decide to attend, so I wanted to say thank you.' "

GET ABOARD THE ARC

ARC needs more alumni volunteers. For the Class of 2005 alone, ARC members conducted 6,743 interviews, 5,305 of which were submitted online.

"We are still treading around the 50 percent mark of candidates receiving an interview," says Eric Furda, executive director of undergraduate admissions. This, he notes, is adjusted for candidates who withdraw applications before a final decision is made or who do not complete their applications. "Of course," adds Furda, "interviewing half the pool in 2001 would have covered the entire pool in 1991!"

It's easy to sign up online. Go to **www.studentaffairs.columbia.edu/arc/** and follow the instructions. *B.H.*

Bill Hudgins '72 *of Gallatin, Tenn., is editor-in-chief of* Road King Magazine, *a bimonthly publication for long-haul truck drivers. The author wishes to thank all College and SEAS alumni who took time to respond thoughtfully and at length to his requests for their experiences with ARC activities. "Your enthusiasm and insights are tributes to your Alma Mater."*

Obituaries

As of press time, Columbia College Today *had learned of eight Columbia College alumni killed in the destruction of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. With the rest of the Columbia family,* CCT *mourns their loss.*

Richard Aronow '75
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Biographical sketches of these victims appear on page 25.

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Shepard L. Alexander, stockbroker and philanthropist, New York, on September 12, 2001. *See box on page 21.*

1925

C. Bruner-Smith, retired educator, New York, on June 26, 2001. Bruner-Smith was born Clarence Bruner Smith, in Decatur, Ill., where he attended local schools, played the piano from an early age and was a chorister. He entered nearby Milliken University, where he became head of the Elizabethan Society, which invited Columbia professor John Erskine (Class of 1900) to give a lecture. Each made a strong impression on the other, and Erskine persuaded Bruner-Smith to transfer to the College. At Columbia, Bruner-Smith quickly decided to pursue a career as a teacher; he enrolled in Erskine's "General Honors" course, took education classes at Teachers College and became a student teacher at Horace Mann H.S. After two years at the Silver Bay School for Boys in Lake George, N.Y., Bruner-Smith was hired by the prestigious Trinity School in Manhattan, where he spent the rest of his professional life. Beginning in the late 1930s, Bruner-Smith took on an increasingly important role at Trinity, serving as head English teacher and headmaster of the Upper School, shaping the school's curriculum and staff. Bruner-Smith was acting headmaster of Trinity during the 1963-64 academic year, then returned to teaching full time. He used a sabbatical in 1966 to take an around-the-world trip, with many stops to visit Trinity alumni. After his nominal retirement in 1970, Bruner-Smith continued to work at Trinity for many years as head of the alumni office.

C. Bruner-Smith '25
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1928

Samuel J. Silverman, attorney and former judge, New York, on March 6, 2001. Born in Odessa, Russia, Silverman immigrated in 1913 and was naturalized in 1925. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the College and earned a degree from the Law School, where he was a Kent scholar and edited the *Columbia Law Review,* in 1930. In the 1930s and early 1940s, he practiced law at two New York firms, served as senior attorney for the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board, as assistant corporate counsel for New York City, and as assistant during the reorganization of the Associated Gas & Electric Co. In 1946, Silverman joined what became Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, where he represented a series of high-profile clients. He was co-counsel for Dr. Robert J. Oppenheimer at his loyalty hearings. In 1953, the Atomic Energy Commissioner had labeled Oppenheimer, who had successfully guided the Manhattan Project in developing the atomic bomb, a security risk because of Oppenheimer's opposition to the hydrogen bomb and his advocacy of civilian and international control of nuclear power. Silverman later referred to his work for Oppenheimer as a public service by his firm and "a blow against McCarthyism." Silverman represented Otto Frank, Anne Frank's brother, in a lawsuit brought by Meyer Levin regarding a Broadway adaptation of *The Diary of Anne Frank* that Frank had rejected. (A later adaptation, penned by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett, won the Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award in 1955.) After years of litigation, Levin settled for $15,000, but only after assigning all rights to his play. Silverman also persuaded NYC Parks Commissioner Robert Moses to allow Joseph Papp to stage free Shakespeare plays in Central Park, an idea Moses initially had rejected. In 1962, Silverman was elected a justice of the New York Supreme Court; after four years, he moved to the Surrogate's Court, but returned to the Supreme Court in 1969. He moved to the court's Appellate Division in 1976 and retired in 1984, when he rejoined the firm of Paul, Weiss as counsel. Silverman kept his ties to the bench, first as a special master for the Appellate Division until 1990 and then as special counsel to the disciplinary commission on judicial ethics until 1998. Silverman is survived by his wife of 60 years, the former Claire Gfroerer, as well as a brother and two sisters.

Randolph Thornton, retired banker and alumni leader, Naples, Fla., on February 10, 2001. Thornton joined First National City Bank in 1929 and stayed there for his entire career, retiring as an assistant vice president of Citicorp. Thornton also is widely remembered as a singularly active alumnus, including service as president of the Columbia College Alumni Association from 1958-60. He received the Alumni Medal in 1960 and the Lion Award in 1964. Thornton is survived by his wife, Elizabeth.

1930

Theodore Lidz, psychiatry professor, Hamden, Conn., on February 16, 2001. Lidz, who received his medical degree from P&S in 1936, was a specialist in the causes and treatment of schizophrenia. After briefly teaching at Yale, Lidz joined the faculty of Johns Hopkins. During World War II, he served as a lieutenant colonel in Army hospitals in New Zealand, Fiji and Burma, at one point caring for several hundred psychiatric casualties of the fighting on Guadalcanal. At war's end, he returned to Johns Hopkins but then rejoined the medical faculty at Yale, where he remained for the rest of his career. Lidz wrote extensively on schizophrenia in journals and books, including his most important book, *The Person: His and Her Development Throughout the Life Cycle,* which is still in print. One of Lidz's regular collaborators was his wife, Dr. Ruth Wilmanns Lidz, a German-born psychiatrist with whom he wrote *Oedipus in the Stone Age: A Psychiatric Study of Masculinization in Papua New Guinea.* Among his other professional accomplishments, Lidz was an investigator for the National Institute for Mental Health, psychiatrist in chief at the Yale-New Haven Hospital and a fellow at the Center for Advanced Studies in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford. Lidz is survived by three sons, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Ruth Lidz died in 1995.

Samuel J. Silverman '28

1931

Robert Guernsey, retired research engineer, Williamsburg, Va., in October 1999. A native of East Cobleskill, N.Y., Guernsey also earned bachelor's and master's degrees from the Engineering School, and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi and Tau Beta Pi. He worked in a series of research positions for General Motors in Michigan, retiring as senior research engineer for GM's Research Labs. Guernsey moved to Williamsburg after his retirement.

1932

Donald McKay Shafer, eye surgeon, Dunedin Isles, Fla., on April 4, 2001. Born in Grove City, Pa., Shafer received his medical degree from Cornell in 1936. During World War II, Shafer served in the Army as lieutenant colonel in charge of a hospital ophthalmology unit. Shafer joined the staff of the Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital in 1948 and the faculty of the Cornell University Medical College in 1958. He also consulted at the U.S. Naval Hospital, Roosevelt Hospital and other medical establishments. Shafer developed a reputation for

his innovative surgical techniques that forestalled blindness and for training generations of ophthalmologists. His specialty was the eye's vitreous body, the clear, gelatinous substance filling the eyeball between retina and lens. In the early 1950s, Shafer devised a procedure to identify indications of retinal detachments and tears, now known as "Shafer's sign." His treatments of vitreoretinal disease led to advances that allow doctors to remove and replace the eye's vitreous body during the repair of complex retinal detachments. In the 1970s, Shafer served as chairman of ophthalmology at medical college and the hospital. He was a member of the Eye Bank for Sight Restoration and a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology. He retired as surgeon director emeritus of the hospital in 1979. A longtime resident of Westport, Conn., Shafer had moved to Dunedin Isles, Fla, after his retirement. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Ann Brady Shafer, as well as two daughters and three grandchildren.

Sidney Siegel, physicist, Pacific Palisades, Calif., on March 16, 2001. A New York native, Siegel was a member of Sigma Xi and selected Phi Beta Kappa at the College. He earned his doctorate in physics from the Graduate School in 1936 and one year later joined Westinghouse Electric as a research fellow studying the effect of radiation on solids. He went to work at Westinghouse Research Labs in 1939, helping the company develop torpedo triggering devices and airborne radar systems during World War II. In 1946, Siegel became chief scientist at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee, where he worked on nuclear reactor development. After a two-year stint at Bettis Atomic Power in Pittsburgh, Siegel joined Los Angeles-based Atomics International as vice president and technical director. He worked on a variety of peaceful uses of nuclear energy, such as powering communication satellites and other space vehicles. Siegel had been an American representative to the Atoms for Peace Conference, a fellow of the American Physical Society as well as a founding member, past vice president and past president of the American Nuclear Society. He held five patents for solid state instruments and nuclear power devices. He was frequent lecturer and prolific author on the virtues of nuclear energy, which he argued was preferable to the burning of fossil fuels for the production of

Sidney Siegel '32

electricity. He also was an avid sculptor and photographer, and an exhibition of art and photographs was on display in Oakland, Calif., at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, the former Lilyan Ferges, four daughters, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

1934

Lawrence W. Golde, retired attorney, Rye, N.Y., on January 16, 2001. Golde, who earned his law degree from Columbia in 1937, had been a partner at Thacher, Proffitt and Wood in New York from 1942 until his retirement. His service to his alma mater included many years as a class officer. He is survived by his wife, Josephine, and two sons.

L. Floyd Rodman, retired food broker, Dallas, on March 8, 2001. Rodman, a native of Gulfport, Miss., worked for Standard Brands in Tulsa, St. Louis and Dallas, before becoming president of Rodman-Hornburg-Phillips, a food brokerage based in Dallas. Rodman later worked at Clements-Prinzhorn Realtors in Dallas before retiring.

1935

Eugene A. Mechler, retired electronics engineer, DeLand, Fla., on January 31, 2001. A native of Pennsburg, Pa., Mechler, who also had a degree from the Engineering School, had worked at the Franklin Institute Research Labs, RCA, in Pennsylvania and New Jersey before retiring to Florida. He is survived by his wife, Alice.

1937

Lyman D. Chipman, retired, Gales Ferry, Conn., in August 30, 2000.

1939

Irwin Heimer, retired real estate broker, Great Neck, N.Y., on January 3, 2001. Heimer was a partner in (and later president of) the Alden Associates real estate brokerage, first in the Bronx then on Long Island. At the College, Heimer was a member of the Beta Sigma Rho fraternity, and he remained friends with his fraternity brothers for the rest of his life. His wife, Gertrude Schaffer Heimer, Barnard '42, died in 1993; he is survived by four children, including Sandra Saydah, Barnard '64, and Marian Block, Barnard '67, and eight grandchildren, including Jordan Heimer '04.

1940

Donald Kursch, educator, Syosset, N.Y., on April 17, 2001. Following five years of service as an officer in the U.S. Navy during World War II, Kursch, who earned a master's degree from Teachers College in 1941, enjoyed a 32-year career as a teacher and educator in the Westbury, N.Y., public school system. A strong advocate of workers' and employees' rights, he was a member of the National Education Association, a founding member of the Transport Workers Union and served as president of the Westbury Teachers' Association. He also was a devoted alumnus, participating in the alumni scholarship committee, serving as his class's president and regularly participating in campus events, such as Dean's Day. He is survived by his wife, Eleanor Haskell, Barnard '40; a son, Donald; a daughter, Virginia; and a granddaughter, Catherine '95.

1943

Robert M. Glinane, retired aviation insurance specialist, Jamesburg, N.J., on January 15, 2001. Before his retirement in the early 1980s, Glinane had been a vice president at Richard J. Berlow & Co. in Teterboro, N.J., and later vice president and director of Southeastern Aviation Underwriters in Clifton, N.J. A longtime resident of West Milford, N.J., Glinane had moved to Jamesburg in the early 1990s.

1951

Wendell R. Sylvester, physician, Purcell, Okla., in January 2001.

1954

John Casella, educator and newspaper columnist, Orange, Mass., on April 4, 2001. The son of immigrants, Casella was born in Athol, Mass. He served in the U.S. Navy (1945-48) and was awarded the World War II American Campaign, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign, Good Conduct and Japanese Occupation Medals. After his discharge, Casella worked in a shoe shop and studied at Cushing Academy before entering the College. While at Columbia, Casella played football, becoming known

John Casella '54

as the "Iron Lion" for his endurance. During his junior and senior years, he played in 16 of 18 games on the offensive, defensive and special teams. He was named to All-Ivy, All-East, All-Scholastic and All-Italian/American football teams. He also served as secretary-treasurer for his class. In September 1955 he joined the faculty of Athol High School, where he taught English and creative writing, was director of dramatics, served as a class adviser and coached the line for the Red Raiders football team. He remained at the school until June 1967. He also completed his graduate work at the University of Massachusetts Amherst and Fitchburg State College. From 1967 to 1973, Casella was principal of the Hayden School in Dorchester, a facility for boys with emotional problems. He later taught children with learning problems in Winchendon, Mass., and served as football coach in Murdock, Mass. Casella was active in local Massachusetts civic life. He served two terms as an Athol selectman, participated in the bicentennial committee and was chairman of the planning and personnel boards. Casella left teaching in 1977 to work in different parts of the country — in the North Dakota Badlands oil fields as a tool pusher, in North Carolina in the concrete business, and building condominiums in St. Petersburg, Fla. In July 1985, Casella returned to Athol, where he became a sportswriter and columnist for the *Athol Daily News*. In 1987, he returned to teaching social studies at Gardner Junior High School, from which he retired in 1992. Since retiring, Casella wrote weekly columns, was a radio color commentator for local football games and traveled extensively. He published two collections of his columns — *Enduring Generations* and *They Also Endure*. Casella was a member of the local American Legion post

and Alcoholics Anonymous. A devoted alumnus, Casella would bring his family on annual "pilgrimages" to Morningside Heights, maintained contact with classmates, and closely followed the football team. He is survived by his wife of 17 years, Virginia, four sons, two daughters, and eight grandchildren. The family asks that memorials be made to the Athol High School Scholarship Association, c/o Beverly Tarolli, Box 338, Athol, MA 01331.

1955

Robert L. Friedheim, professor, Playa del Rey, Calif., on January 31, 2001. Friedheim, who earned a master's degree from the Graduate School in 1957 and a doctorate from the University of Washington in 1962, was an expert on ocean and environmental policy. He taught at Purdue University from 1961-66, when he joined the Institute for Naval Studies in Arlington, Va., as a strategic analyst. He taught at the University of Southern California's School of International Relations from 1975-2001, and served as director of the school from 1992-95. He was also director of USC's Sea Grant Program from 1980-89 and served as associate director of the USC Institute for Marine and Coastal Studies from 1976-89. He was a professor of international relations at USC at the time of his death. Friedheim's early research helped underpin the United Nations' Law of the Sea Treaty, which the United States refused to sign because it granted common rights to about 70 percent of the world's oceans. In recent years, he focused on whaling, seeking to find common understanding among competing international viewpoints. Friedheim was an adviser to the U.S. Arctic Research Commission from 1986-96. He was the author of more than 20 book chapters and 50 scholarly articles. Friedheim authored or co-authored nine books, including *Toward a Sustainable Whaling Regime*, which was published posthumously. *(See Bookshelf in this issue.)* Friedheim is survived by his wife, Robin, Barnard '56, GSAS '58, as well as two daughters and one grandchild. Donations in Friedheim's memory may be made to the Robert L. Friedheim Scholarship Fund, USC School of International Relations, Von KleinSmid Center 330, Los Angeles, CA 90089-0043.

1956

Herbert Friedman, consultant, London, on December 20, 2000. Friedman had been a consultant with the World Health Organization in London.

Shepard L. Alexander '21

Stockbroker, Benefactor and Friend

When Shepard L. Alexander turned 100 earlier this year, he gently squashed plans by family and friends to throw him a big party, consenting only to a small gathering at his home. In retrospect, it seems appropriate that Alexander, who died on September 12 at his home in New Jersey, got his way. He was always someone others listened to, especially at Columbia, where for 80 years he was a trusted adviser, benefactor and friend.

"Shep" Alexander was born on February 4, 1901, in New York, and entered the College at 16. He was acting captain of his freshman tennis team, then moved over to the varsity squad and earned praise in the 1921 *Columbian* as "a corking good tennis player." He also served on student committees, worked as circulation manager for *Varsity* (then the College's chief student literary magazine) and was a member of the Pi Lambda Phi fraternity.

After graduation, Alexander jumped into the booming 1920s New York stock market. He worked as a broker for Alexander & Stein from 1922 to 1930, and stayed in the business even in the dark days of the Great Depression. After a brief stint with Hornblower & Weeks in 1930, he joined Hamershlag Borg (later Hamershlag, Kempner & Co.). He stayed with the firm for the rest of his professional career, eventually retiring as a partner. At a memorial service held in St. Paul's Chapel on October 8, John Stern, a colleague at Hamerschlag, Kempner, remembered Alexander as a skilled trader who kept a bottle of scotch in his desk "in case things got a little dry" and possessed not only a "bulldog" temperament but also "an innate sweetness."

Even after his nominal retirement in the 1970s, Alexander remained active as a broker and financial adviser. Christopher Schwabacher, his attorney and close friend, noted that Alexander was managing portfolios until he was 99. "When Shep had a hunch about a stock, he was rarely wrong," Schwabacher said.

Alexander's other great passion was Columbia, and in the eight decades following his graduation he became perhaps

Shepard L. Alexander '21

the most active alumnus in the College's history. When the Columbia College Fund was established in 1951, Alexander became his class's fund chair, a role he kept until his death. He also served on the board of directors of the fund and as chair of the 11th fund in 1963.

Joseph Coffee '41, first director of the fund, persuaded Alexander to join the College's fund-raising efforts, and in the process launched a 50-year friendship between the two. He remembers Alexander as "a very special Columbia alumnus and friend." Alexander saw the fund, Coffee remembers, as "a natural place for him to increase his friendships." William Oliver '64, who served as director of the Alumni Office in the 1970s and 1980s, also remembers Alexander's commitment to the College. His "devotion was steadfast," Oliver said, and "very few ever turned him down completely."

Alexander was largely responsible for his class's 50 years of support for scholarships, which over the years made it possible for scores of students to attend the College. He supported the Life Income Gifts program, was a life member of the John Jay Associates program and was a class correspondent for *Columbia College Today*. In 1941, he helped write the *Class of '21 Report*, a white paper which championed the College and liberal arts at the University. Alexander also served for many years on the College's Board of Visitors.

Although Alexander played tennis while at the College, as an alumnus he became enthralled with Lions football. For decades, Alexander was a fixture at all home games, usually sporting his familiar tam-o'-shanter. Director of Athletics John Reeves described him as "probably the most ardent supporter of Columbia football," and credits Alexander with introducing "the wholesome, inviting" tailgate party to Columbia. In 1998, Alexander and his wife, Patricia, made a major gift, endowing for the first time a coaching position at Columbia. The Patricia and Shepard Alexander Head Coach Endowed Position is currently held by head football coach Ray Tellier.

Columbia was the primary beneficiary of Alexander's generosity, but he also supported hospitals and other charities in New York. His son, Michael '74, remembers Alexander urging him to "always think of those less fortunate than you." He was known as a generous tipper, and Michael boasted that one could track the rise in inflation by the increasing amounts his father would give out to panhandlers on the streets of New York.

Alexander was an avid golfer until his late 70s, and was known to fit in 27 holes on a Sunday morning, often teeing off with the sunrise. He was an accomplished gardener, and all those who knew Alexander remembered his practice of bringing bouquets to friends and business associates. He also possessed an almost legendary knowledge of New York City restaurants, an expertise he maintained until the end of his life. "He seemed to have a personal relationship with nearly every block," Oliver remembered.

In 1961, the University presented Alexander with the Alumni Medal. In 1991, the College presented him with a John Jay Award; the citation lauded him as "an indispensable force in the life of Columbia and a legend in alumni affairs."

At Alexander's memorial service, Dean Austin Quigley said that the College was "mourning the loss of one of its favorite sons. Shep's name will be remembered with gratitude and admiration at Columbia."

Alexander's first wife, the former Muriel S. Creyman, predeceased him. In addition to his son, Michael, and his second wife, Patricia, Alexander is survived by a daughter-in-law, Ann-Marie, and a stepson, Paul.

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September 11

Columbians Respond to Crisis

By Laura Butchy

As Scott Koonin '02 walked around campus on September 11, shortly after the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and the plane crash in Pennsylvania, everyone he met expressed the same desire: to *do* something. Many students volunteered to help in the rescue effort; some collected supplies and transported them to Ground Zero; others joined growing lines to donate blood.

Worn out by watching the television coverage of the disaster, Koonin and other campus leaders decided that students would benefit from an opportunity to congregate and express their feelings. "Everyone wanted to come together as a community to show our unity," he said. "We were all going through this together." So they arranged for permission to assemble on the Low Library steps for a candlelight vigil that night.

"The organizers initially bought about 300 candles, because no one knew how many people would come," said Alison Hirsh '02. But as word of the vigil spread, more and more people showed up, and organizers were sent scurrying to local stores. Soon virtually every candle in Morningside Heights was illuminating the steps and Alma Mater.

About 3,500 students, faculty and staff gathered from midnight until after 3 a.m. for a somber but comforting vigil. After remarks from organizers explaining the gathering, the "floor" was opened up. Some told of being downtown at the time of the attacks, others expressed concern for family and friends, and some simply offered thoughts on the day's events. The size of the crowd surprised Koonin because of how quickly the vigil had been organized.

"Being surrounded by so many of my friends was the most supportive thing," Koonin said.

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Within an hour of the attacks, University President George Rupp convened a crisis management group that included school deans and other administration leaders. In e-mail and voice mail to the Columbia community, Rupp said that while Tuesday classes were cancelled, faculty and staff would be available throughout the day to students who needed support.

"We anticipate that all students will draw on their own informal support networks at this time," Rupp said in his e-mail. "In addition, residential life counselors and members of the deans' offices and many other administrators will be available to work with students. The chaplain and staff from our campus ministries also will be available to assist students in St. Paul's Chapel and Earl Hall. We will work as hard as we can to help each other through this very trying time."

As students coped with the shock of the devastation only seven miles south of the Morningside Heights campus, they were urged to let family and friends know they were safe, primarily via e-mail due to telephone disruptions. The Office of Student Services immediately established an information tent on Low Plaza to direct students, staff and faculty to counseling, emergency accommodations and volunteer opportunities. That night, University Chaplain Rev. Jewelnel Davis held the first of several remembrance services at St. Paul's Chapel.

University Web pages, publications and e-mails kept students updated as the week progressed, providing phone numbers for emergency hotlines, missing persons information and connections to volunteer organizations.

To keep alumni informed about their classmates and the College's response, Dean Austin Quigley sent a letter to all College alumni, and the College established a Web page for sharing news. More than 3,000 alumni used this "Checking In" page (www.college.columbia.edu/wtc/index.php?school=CC), to inform classmates that they or another classmate were safe.

"The pain is deep, but community bonds are only getting stronger in the face of a national crisis of which New York City is bearing the brunt," Quigley wrote to alumni on September 20. "You would all be proud of our students, at their compassion for the victims and their families, their refusal to be intimidated by the new circumstances we all face and by their reaffirmation of our shared values and shared bonds." Students participated in residence hall meetings, Quigley reported, as well as an informal meeting with the dean and other officers of the College and University.

Classes resumed on Wednesday, September 12, though many extracurricular events, including weekend athletic events, were cancelled or postponed. With the campus on security alert, most students made their way to class hoping for a routine as normal as circumstances would allow.

"I found that going back to class on Wednesday, while difficult, was very therapeutic," Hirsh said. Like most classes, her religion class had a new focus, shifting to analyze the recent events in context.

A history major, Koonin expressed similar sentiments about his classes, where discussions ranged from an open forum to talk about the attacks to a comparison of current attitudes to those preceding World War I. "It was very helpful to have some structure instead of sitting around watching TV," Koonin emphasized.

Meanwhile, counseling and psychological services and the

Health Sciences Web site (http://cpmcnet.columbia.edu/dept/emergproc/index.html) offered stress management information.

"Every one of us is directly affected," said Dr. Richard Eichler, director of psychological counseling at the campus Health Service. While many students found comfort in the community of friends, others needed time alone and still others rebounded by throwing themselves back into their work or by volunteering. Individual counseling was available for students who lost loved ones or for those who witnessed the attack first hand. Eichler and his staff also reached out to students in residence halls with the help of RAs and group counseling programs. Counseling and Psychological Services also met with faculty and staff members as needed.

An ecumenical service of prayer and remembrance was held at St. Paul's Chapel on Friday, September 14, the National Day of Prayer and Remembrance. Addressing the many students and staff members at the interfaith service, Rupp offered condolences for those who suffered losses in the attacks and affirmed the need for mutual support within a diverse community.

"At precisely the time when the march of events threatens to drive us apart and turn us against each other, we must come together," Rupp said. "Let us hold fast to our ideals of inclusiveness and mutual support; let us reach out to each other across the lines of our differences; let us join our hearts and hands as we unite in the urgent work of rebuilding that we must undertake together."

As of press time, Columbia mourned the loss of 39 individuals who had studied at the University and were dead or missing in the attacks, including eight College alumni. On November 15, Columbians were scheduled to gather in Roone Arledge Auditorium for a remembrance service at which the names of victims affiliated with the University — including alumni, former staff members and family and friends of those who work and attend Columbia — were to be recited.

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— Alison Hirsh '02

Reaching out

Even in the shock of the attacks, members of the Columbia community already were thinking about how they could help. Licensed students volunteered to take blood, and medical students worked at triage sights near the World Trade Center. Columbia lent the city special firefighting and heavy construction equipment, then purchased additional crowbars, rope, hard hats and other items to meet the increasing need. The athletics department opened its showers at Baker Field to state police troopers on special patrol duty. A University mechanic helped by fixing a city fire engine, and the University provided office space to a displaced city agency.

Students lined up to donate blood until area hospitals had to stop accepting donations due to the overwhelming number of volunteers. Assisting the New York Fire Department, the University began mobilizing health care professionals, social workers and engineers to be ready when more volunteers were needed.

One College senior was not willing to wait.

Knowing that her uncle, aunt and other family members were lucky to have escaped from the World Trade Center, Talia Poy '02 wanted to help immediately. She and a friend headed to the Javits Center, New York's central location for volunteer and relief efforts. "There was really no one to tell you what to do," said Poy. "When you saw something that needed to be done, you did it."

Poy stayed up all night on Wednesday unloading supplies and organizing them for easy distribution. As relief workers returned to the Javits Center, she realized that some needed supplies weren't available, and with a list in hand, she returned to Columbia. Poy and her classmates called local businesses, eliciting donations from Duane Reade (medicine, masks and insoles) and Eastern Mountain Sports (work gloves), among others. With the help of security and facilities management, the supplies were added to materials collected from the University service departments and other student donations and delivered to the NYPD for distribution. Thursday night, Poy once again was organizing supplies at the Javits Center, this time to keep them out of the rain.

Meanwhile, the University established the Columbia Ongoing Volunteer Effort for Rescuers. COVER organized students to work with administrators, student coordinators and rescue organizers to support the continuing efforts at the World Trade Center and the Javits Center. COVER maintained a central Web site where students, faculty and staff could register to volunteer with the relief efforts or for related campus activities. More than 1,500 people registered, and volunteers quickly were assigned to staff a tent on Low Plaza, distribute information from the University to students and coordinate the sorting of donated goods with the Javits Center and the Red Cross.

Cooperating with the NYPD, Columbia sponsored a clothing drive for rescue workers, collecting toiletries, towels, work clothes and paper and plastic goods for feeding rescue crews. Bins were opened at an information tent on the Low steps for contributions. As new needs became known, the University began collecting cell phone chargers, dog supplies, lip balm and medications. Volunteers at the tent also were accepting monetary donations for the Red Cross and providing contact information for other charities.

At the CC Student Council's September 16 meeting, members decided to launch the Columbia Allied Relief Effort. Overseen by James Cain '02, CARE organized a fair on September 23. Originally the idea of several large campus groups and Andrea Wang '02, the CARE fair became part of the student council's initiative. "Although a comprehensive calendar of relief events was the initial goal of CARE, we ended up hosting CARE Fair to raise money and touch on tolerance/awareness issues," Cain said. "More than 40 student groups participated, and we raised more than $5,000 for the Red Cross."

Other student group-sponsored activities included a dinner and silent auction fund-raiser on October 4, co-hosted by the College Democrats and Republicans, and a People for Peace gathering on September 24 on College Walk, where faculty were invited to speak about peace, anti-war, anti-racism, preservation of civil liberties, U.S. foreign policy, media bias and other timely topics.

WKCR, the student-run radio station whose transmitter had been atop the World Trade Center, was knocked off the air just as personnel were about to occupy new studios in Lerner Hall. As WKCR sought a new location for its antenna, it offered its new studios to WNYC, the National Public Radio affiliate whose facilities near the crash site were without power.

Other students responded to a call for translators of Arabic,

Spanish and other languages to assist workers who lost their jobs. Volunteers also babysat while workers searched for new jobs and spouses filled out missing persons claim forms. Others coordinated food donations and helped with fundraising.

As COVER's efforts began to change from large-scale relief to the impact on the community, volunteers assumed new duties. The donation tent on Low plaza remained open, serving as an information center where student volunteers answered questions, updated bulletin boards and signed up new recruits. A listening station remained open next to the sundial for students who needed to express thoughts and concerns. COVER volunteers also continued to accept donations for the Red Cross in Lerner Hall.

Marcus Bleyer GS '04 found a way, through art, to support relief workers, express his grief and confusion over the attack and ultimately tighten the student community. The art history student lined College Walk with a 50-foot sheet of butcher paper addressed to downtown relief workers. As students walked past, many paused and expressed their thoughts and thanks in a rainbow of colors.

Faculty analysis

Many Columbia faculty members conducted forums and panel discussions, and Dean Quigley praised these for helping students sort out their thoughts and feelings. Also, faculty members served as expert commentators for the media on the tragedy and its aftermath.

Economics professors David Weinstein and Donald Davis predicted that despite the devastating impact of the attacks, New York City should rebound fully. They based their conclusions on a study of population growth in Japanese cities that suffered through earthquakes in 1923 and 1995 and bombing during World War II. Many Japanese cities that suffered great losses not only rebounded but saw their populations rise.

A number of Columbia professors have expressed civil liberties concerns, warning that the fight against terrorism likely will come at the expense of privacy and other freedoms.

"In the coming months, anything claiming to be in the name of security will be hard to oppose," said Alan Brinkley, history department chairman. "More streets will be closed, more buildings will be sealed off, more metal detectors will be installed. Life will become more difficult than it already is."

Other historians are grappling with the comparisons of September 11 and the attack on Pearl Harbor. While some have rejected the analogy because the current enemy is not a specific nation, others see similarities in the loss of life and national trauma.

"The shock to America is probably as great as it was in 1941, which I remember because I'm of the World War II generation," said professor emeritus Henry Graff. "I'm sure we will recover. Nations and tribes and people everywhere recover from these events. But they don't forget."

"The United States will, at least in the short term, now have to move away from its recent policy of disengagement and unilateralism in the world," Brinkley added at a forum conducted by several history professors. "We'll have to be more mindful of the global community and our place in it."

Many other University scholars, both faculty and alumni, have appeared on television or radio since the attacks, including history professors Richard Bulliet and Ken Jackson, a specialist on New York City history. Jackson joined Professor of English and Comparative Literature Andrew Delbanco and Ric Burns '78, director of the epic documentary video series about New York, on PBS (WNET-13). Delbanco talked with Bill Moyers about evil as "the absence of seeing how your actions affect people — absence of humanity," and Brinkley has discussed the attacks and their effects on several news programs.

Associate Professor Stephen S. Morse, Mailman School of Public Health, was a guest on "The Daily Show With Jon Stewart" on October 3. Chaplain Davis and Rabbi Alvin Kass '57 were among the speakers at the massive Prayer for America service at Yankee Stadium on September 23, and Rabbi Harold Kushner '55 (author of *Why Bad Things Happen to Good People*, Schocken Books, reissued 2001) appeared on CNN's "Late Edition" offering advice on how to grieve and put the tragedy in perspective.

The School of International and Public Affairs sponsored a forum, "After the Attack," which discussed origins of the terrorist attacks and analyzed U.S. response, with Bulliet, Gary Sick, acting director of the Middle East Institute, and Lisa Anderson, SIPA dean.

The University has announced plans to establish a scholarship fund for children of those who died in the WTC.

Libraries and archives staffs formed a committee to collect materials for a World Trade Center Archive that eventually will be available for research. The committee has been collecting photographs, e-mails, letters, pamphlets, flyers, audiotapes and other items in all languages from the Columbia community to create a permanent record of the effects of the disaster and the University's response. (For information, e-mail wtc-preserve@columbia.edu.)

On September 28, the University libraries launched a new Web page (www.columbia.edu/cu/lWeb/indiv/dsc/wtc.html) entitled "The World Trade Center Attack: the Official Documents." Library users may access official government documents related to the attack. Meanwhile, news coverage may be found under LibraryWeb's "E-News." Columbia International Affairs Online (www.ciaonet.org) gives members of the Columbia community and others who register access to digital volumes of information on terrorism and related topics.

Last month, the National Science Foundation awarded Columbia $90,000 to conduct an oral history project on the attacks, over the next years.

Lasting effects on the University remain to be seen. Although details are not finalized, Columbia has announced plans to establish a scholarship fund for children of those who died in the WTC and children of rescue workers.

The impact on Columbia in such areas as admissions applications and fund-raising will become clearer over time. But according to an article in *The New York Times* on October 2, most potential college students have not altered their plans because of the attacks. Undergraduate Admissions canceled a forum for prospective students that had been scheduled for September 11 in Boston, but 75 students and parents attended a similar presentation in Portland, Maine, just two weeks later, four times last year's turnout.

Laura Butchy, *staff writer for* Columbia College Today, *is working toward her master's in dramaturgy at the School of the Arts.*

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Remembering Those We Lost

By Timothy P. Cross

As of press time, *Columbia College Today* had learned of eight College alumni killed in the terrorist attacks on September 11, all at the World Trade Center in New York City. With the rest of the Columbia family, we mourn their loss and send our sympathies to their families and loved ones. We also extend our condolences to all members of the Columbia family who lost relatives and friends in the tragedy.

Richard Aronow '75 Richard Aronow, 46, was deputy chief of the Leases Division of the Law Department at the Port Authority. Aronow, a graduate of the University of Texas law school, was the PA's expert in telecommunications and public utilities. He was the lead lawyer for the $1 billion privatization of Terminal 4 at JFK Airport, the largest such deal in U.S. history. His wife, Laura Weinberg, says Aronow — who colleagues called *sensei* (Japanese for teacher) because he was always "happy to share his knowledge" — was always capable of "finding the best in everything," whether at work or at home. Aronow, who lived in Mahwah, N.J., was a devoted and involved father, participating in the medical care of his son, Willie, who suffers from apraxia and autism. Other survivors include a brother, Gil '83.

Robert Murach '78 Robert Murach, 45, was a senior vice president at Cantor Fitzgerald. Previously, Murach, who had studied economics at the College and earned an M.B.A. from Pace, had been a vice president at Lehman Brothers. A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., Murach lived in Montclair, N.J., with his wife, Laurie, and their two daughters, Madison Zoe, 9, and Hayle Noelle, 6. Murach excelled in track in high school and at Columbia and remained friends with six high school classmates who were on the track team that won the 1974 city championship; the group took a rafting trip in 1999 to commemorate the 25th anniversary of that triumph. In addition to his wife and daughters, he is survived by his parents, a grandmother, a brother and a sister.

John Benedict Fiorito '82 John B. Fiorito, 40, was a bond broker for Cantor Fitzgerald. A native of New York, Fiorito previously worked at RMJ Securities, where he met his wife, the former Karen Lovacco. The couple recently moved from Old Bridge, N.J., to Stamford, Conn., where their son, John (age 6), is receiving treatment for acute myelocytic leukemia under the care of his uncle, Dr. Joseph Fiorito '79, P&S '83. Joseph said that John, galvanized by his son's condition, had begun to fund-raise for the local Leukemia Society and the Make A Wish Foundation. Other survivors include his mother.

Seilai Khoo '86 Seilai Khoo, 36, was executive vice president and portfolio manager at Fred Alger Management, where she was in charge of the American Asset Growth Fund. Khoo, who had majored in computer science with a minor in economics at the College, had worked for the company since 1989, first as an analyst responsible for coverage of the computer software, telecommunications, paper and steel industries, then becoming an associate portfolio manager in 1994. Khoo, who lived in New York, was promoted to full portfolio manager one year later. Previously, she had worked as a securities analyst for RHO Management in New York.

Brian P. Williams '94 Brian P. Williams, 29, was a securities broker at Cantor Fitzgerald. A native of Edgewood, Ky., where his family still lives, Williams played football at Covington Catholic H.S. in Park Hills, Ky. At Columbia, he majored in economics, played varsity football and was a member of the Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity. A classmate remembers Williams as "a fun, sweet person who loved his friends." Williams lived in the Park Slope neighborhood of Brooklyn, N.Y., and had worked at Cantor since his graduation, but frequently had talked about going back to Kentucky to settle down and perhaps coach football at his high school alma mater. Survivors include his parents, Ken and Kate Williams of Edgewood, Ky.

Joseph Della Pietra '99 Since his graduation two years ago, Joseph Della Pietra, 24, worked for Cantor Fitzgerald, most recently as a corporate bond broker. At the College, Della Pietra majored in economics and political science, played on the varsity basketball team, and was a member of the Zeta Beta Tau fraternity. He lived in the Park Slope area of Brooklyn, N.Y. Survivors include his mother and a brother, Christopher '89.

Brooke Alexandra Jackman '00 Academics were very important to Brooke Jackman, 23, and she committed herself fully to them. At the College, she majored in history with a concentration in women's studies. Her family and friends, however, always were most important. The youngest in her Oyster Bay, Long Island, family, she quickly learned how to stand up for herself at the frequent large family gatherings. Although small in stature, she always spoke her mind, and what she had to say always contained wisdom and sensitivity. Jackman worked as a trading assistant at Cantor Fitzgerald but was in the process of pursuing a master's degree in social work, which would have fulfilled her life-long commitment to all living things. Jackman, who lived in Manhattan, is survived by her parents, Robert and Barbara Jackman, and her older sisters, Erin and Ross. (Submitted by Marissa Hurwitz '00.)

Tyler Ugolyn '01 Tyler Ugolyn, 23, was a gifted athlete, a generous, caring and deeply spiritual young man known for his sense of humor and his joyfulness. In high school, Ugolyn was selected an honorable mention All American basketball player and was ranked among the country's top 250 high school players by one national magazine. He played guard on the Columbia basketball team for two seasons before tendinitis in both knees cut short his involvement. He helped found Columbia Catholic Athletes, a group that met weekly for discussion and performed volunteer work. Ugolyn, who lived with his parents and a younger brother in Ridgefield, Conn., was a research associate for Fred Alger Management.

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IN MEMORY OF

Columbia College Today has learned of the following charities and foundations, to which the families of these alumni killed on September 11 have asked that donations be sent.

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BROOKE JACKMAN '00
The Brooke Jackman Foundation
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TYLER UGOLYN '01
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"I Knew I Had to Get Out"

Many Columbia alumni worked in or near the World Trade Center and witnessed the events of September 11 at close range. Following are their recollections, as compiled by CCT *contributing writer Shira J. Boss '93.*

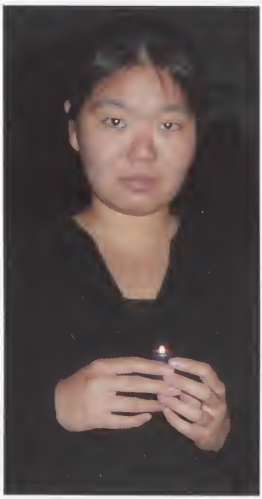
Sheldon Licht '54 *has been assistant commissioner for the New York City Department of Buildings since July 2000.*

On 9-11, while buying my coffee at the local stand, I watched in horror as a plane swooped into the second tower at the World Trade Center, and created a huge ball of fire. It was truly a "ball" of fire. That term will stay with me forever.

Abiding by my duties, I rushed the six blocks from my office to the site. Standing about 100 feet away from the platform, I was struck by the intensity of the fire. I realized that the sprinkler system had been cut by the impact of the crash. I was asked by a colleague whether I thought it would fall. My initial impulse was to deny, but I realized it was a matter of time and moved back from the building. Shortly thereafter, I heard the rumble, looked up and ran to the corner just north of where I stood. A Channel 7 photographer was to my left and stopped to get a better shot. As I turned the corner and shoved my body against the building, I saw the glass and metal shards fly past, almost parallel to the ground.

At that point, I looked around the corner and saw this huge cloud of dust moving up the block. It seemed to be in slow motion, but it was not. I ran for the subway and made it in a few steps ahead of the cloud. I walked five blocks north in the mezzanine of the subway tunnel and waited. After 10 minutes I walked up the stairs to a very white street and met up with the mayor [Rudy Giuliani] and his entourage.

I was with that group for the rest of the day. That mayor was larger than life. He was a hero. He maintained his good humor, but spoke with truth and candor. He showed no temper; he was factual. I was impressed. Apparently he had read Stendahl and understood that those in power do not have the luxury of emotions.



"A layer of finely ground stuff was coating everything. It looked like it had snowed."

— JOANNE CHAN '01

Fredric Fastow '69 *is a lawyer and architect who works for the Port Authority. He had arrived at his office on the 66th floor of the North Tower at about 8:30 a.m. and was standing at the copier machine when the first plane hit.*

I heard a big boom and felt an impact and the building started to shake violently. With some effort I was able to stay standing. I felt as though I was living moment to moment; with each moment I assured myself that I was still alive and that the building was not toppling over. I knew I had to get out.

We headed down the stairwell, which was smoky. We were tense and nervous because we had a long way to go. But we remained calm and some people joked around.

We were in the core of the building so we couldn't see or hear anything outside. Somebody who must have had a cell phone told us that an airplane had hit us. We thought that was possible and that it might have been an accident. Then someone said another airplane had hit the South Tower. I thought that was pure fantasy — rumors gone wild.

Every now and then the line stopped moving for a few minutes. This happened more frequently the farther down we got. We never knew if this meant that we were trapped or whether it was just a traffic jam. Every once in awhile someone would say, "Move to one side!" and emergency workers would climb past us going up. I assume all those workers are dead now.

It took about an hour for us to get down to the lobby. The first thing I noticed in that glassed-in area was that it was overcast, where it had been sunny before. We were led underground through the shopping concourse rather than out onto the main plaza, where metal was raining down. Rescue workers were yelling, "Hurry! Go as fast as you can!" I was wondering why they were rushing us so much because I figured we had reached safety.

When I got out onto Church Street, things started to look more serious. I saw both buildings in flames and had the feeling I should put distance between myself and the World Trade Center. I walked east, then north. A woman ahead of me who was watching the buildings put her hands over her mouth. I turned and saw the top part of the North Tower sink below the roof line of the buildings in front. Before that the events were tragic, but seeing the collapse made them nightmarish and surreal.

Joanne Chan '01 *works as a technology analyst on the 42nd floor of 1 New York Plaza, a few blocks down Broadway from the World Trade Center. She had her digital camera with her that day and has posted some shots at* www.columbia.edu/~jc657/wtc.

As soon as we heard the crash, we ran to the windows and saw gaping holes in the building and flames. We didn't know what had happened. Our phones and our Internet connections went dead, and cell phones weren't working. After the second crash they told us to get out and we went down the stairs. When we got down, we could smell it. There were papers flying through the air and on the ground.

Our managers told us to make our way home. By that time the subways were closed. Two friends from work and I walked up Williams Street and heard that the Pentagon had been hit. We stopped in a restaurant with a TV. As we came out, walking north, we heard a rumble and saw people running toward us, toward the East River.

From the west I saw a several-story cloud coming at us and people running from it and being covered with it. The cloud looked thick, a disgusting gray. You didn't know if it was poison or what. I got separated from my friends. I ducked into the doorway next to me and ran down the stairs inside. There were doors to the outside that I and others tried to hold shut but the dust cloud was pulling them open. A layer of finely ground stuff was coating everything. It looked like it had snowed. It was movie-like.

When the cloud passed, I turned around and realized I was in a chapel. About 15 minutes later I went out, got a napkin from the restaurant I had been in before and walked in a sea of people toward Penn Station.

Rich Gentile '81, *an attorney, worked out of his company's office at 7 World Trade Center for the middle three days of the week. That building, having been evacuated, collapsed on the afternoon of September 11. Gentile was on a train commuting to work when the planes hit.*

You could see the fire progress quickly down each of the towers. It was surreal, like a dream. The train went underground so we didn't know about the collapse. When we got into Penn Station, I started walking to my hotel in midtown. Everyone on the street was huddled around televisions and news tickers. Nobody knew what was going on.

At Penn Station people were saying, "What about Penn Station?!" Then we realized we were under the Empire State Building and rushed to get away from that. Then it was Times Square. It was a migration — people were moving north.

I reached my hotel, and by the late afternoon some trains were running again, so I decided to make my way home [to Connecticut]. I didn't want to go to Grand Central, so I decided to walk to the Metro North station at 125th Street. By that time, around 6:30 p.m., the streets were deserted. Having gone to school in New York and practiced there, the feeling as I left — walking through empty streets with only police everywhere — was that it would never be the same city we all loved and enjoyed in the carefree way we did while in school.

Mario Favetta '98 *works in communications for a financial services firm on the 39th floor of One World Financial Center, across the street from the South Tower. The window of his top floor office faces east and had a clear view of both towers.*

"We heard an indescribable noise. It was much louder than any thunder I'd ever heard."
— Mario Favetta '98

I heard a noise outside and thought it was thunder. I looked and saw the North Tower exploding in a ball of red fire. Debris and papers fluttered by my window. I was paralyzed. I didn't know what I was seeing. A few seconds later, my boss came running down the hall yelling for everyone to evacuate. We were walking down the stairs calmly. Some people had seen the plane hit but we thought it was an accident, a tourist plane that had veered off course.

As we were stepping out of the building, the second plane hit. We realized that with two planes it wasn't an accident. We rushed back into the building, not sure if it was safer inside, where we might get trapped, or outside, where we might get hit by falling debris. We escaped and ran south over broken glass and metal shards. When we got to the north end of Battery Park everyone was staring at the buildings, watching fire consume the upper 20 floors. It was like a moment of peace at that point. We were talking about how difficult it would be for firefighters to put out a fire that high up.

We saw people waving flags out of the building. Then we started seeing the bodies falling. It was horrendous. I will always remember what this one man I saw jumping was wearing. I turned away. It was too difficult to watch.

Someone got a call about the Pentagon, and that's when I realized the scope of what was happening. Then we heard an indescribable noise, much louder than any thunder I'd ever heard, and it got louder and louder. We couldn't see the buildings because smoke was blowing in our direction. People started running toward us. We'd ask people what they were running from and they just kept going, with a look of terror.

The cloud of dust started as smoke, then blocked out the sun and enveloped us. Our hair and clothes were covered. It was difficult to breathe. I finally got on a ferry to New Jersey, and everyone was looking at the smoking pile that had been the World Trade Center. I grew up in Jersey City seeing it all the time. My high school had a view of the World Trade Center. It was so shocking to see that what I knew belonged there wasn't there.

Class Notes

[Editor's note: These notes were due at CCT just prior to the September 11 tragedy, although class correspondents were offered the opportunity to update them in light of events, and many chose to do so. As a result, some of the notes that follow deal with births and marriages, reunions and job changes — the milestones that mark our progression through ordinary life; others are intensely personal reflections, from correspondents and classmates, on a most extraordinary day.]

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Lloyd Seidman '32 continues to enjoy retirement and travels extensively. In the past year he has visited China, Russia, France and New Orleans (for the Tennessee Williams Festival 2000). This fall he planned a tour of a number of U.S. National Parks in the west, winding up on his 88th birthday.

Irwin Grossman '36 reports that **Abraham Druss '28** recently celebrated his 95th birthday. Originally a member of the class of '26, Abe graduated in '28 due to illness. "Many members of his family were Columbians and most lived to a ripe old age…must have been the high quality of the food in John Jay," Grossman says. "Incidentally, Abe is still in good health except for one finger that still curls occasionally. He claims it's a leftover from the cane spree that he won as a freshman on South Field."

We are sad to report a number of deaths: Col. **E.L. Robbins '27, Randolph Thornton '28, Samuel J. Silverman '28, Theodore Lidz '31, Robert Guernsey '31, Seymour Goldreben '32, Donald McKay Shafer '32, Sidney Siegel '32, Lawrence W. Golde '34, L. Floyd Rodman '34** and **Eugene A. Mechler '35**.

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Vince Merendino retired from his medical practice four years ago (obstetrics/gynecology). He still lives in Englewood, N.J., and is catching up on his reading.

Larry Gussman recently had major surgery. His wife died but his three children are fine. He reads a lot when doctors are not poking at him.

Bill Ragsdale, rather to his surprise, became a successful CPA. When he retired in 1972, he was a partner in PriceWaterhouse. He now plays tennis three times a week — doubles only — near his retirement home in Williamsburg, Va.

*[Editor's note: Our apologies for the extra inclusion of **Murray Bloom**'s address in the midst of his class note about **Simeon Hutner** in the September 2001 issue. The scanner picked up the address, which appears at the bottom of the first page of the faxed notes, as part of the text.]*

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Ralph de Toledano is "still at it. My 24th book, *Notes from the Underground — the Whittaker Chambers-Ralph de Toledano Letters*, appeared a couple of years ago. I have two books going the rounds: *Mark Twain on Practically Anything* and *Cry Havoc: the Internal War on America*. And I'm working on an autobiography that should shake society. I got the title — *Exit, Pursued By a Bear* — from Lionel Trilling's book on E.M. Forster. Over the years I have been in touch with one of Columbia's great professors, Jacques Barzun '27, who with Trilling ran the most significant course I had at Columbia, Senior Colloquium. Back in 1960, Bob Giroux '36 published my memoir, *Lament for a Generation*.

"We had some wonderful people on campus in those days, including Robert Paul Smith, who knew more about jazz than any of us. When I was president of Philolexian, we spent more time listening to jazz records than discussing poetry."

De Toledano was part of the Columbia literary crowd that included **Thomas Merton**, **Robert Lax** and Ed Rice '40. For more about them, see the profile of Rice in the May 2001 *CCT*.

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"Have you ever heard of Bishop Ussher?" Do you recall Professor Raymond Weaver, perching on the edge of the stage of McMillan Hall at our freshman orientation, asking us that question? He went on to give us a taste of historical scholarship by telling us that Bishop James Ussher in about 1650 A.D. held that the world had been created in 4000 B.C.

I have never forgotten those words and wonder whether other members of the Class of 1939 (A.D.) recall the stimulation of "Buck" Weaver's first words to us.

The Winter 2001 issue of *Columbia* provided several articles and photos that will probably ring bells for us, including Mark Van Doren, Harry J. Carman, Irwin Edman, Douglas Moore and Joseph Wood Krutch. They have been honored by the Society of Columbia Graduates as great teachers, but we remember them also by personal contacts. Van Doren, for instance, returned a paper in which I argued that *King Lear* was not good theater with the notation, "You will be interested to know that Voltaire agreed with you." I don't recall the grade he assigned, but I'll never forget his comment. He was a great teacher.

Krutch went west to influence many people, but we knew him as a drama critic who could give us clues about Broadway plays on which we might best spend our limited amount of cash.

I hope that I have stimulated you to tell me about yourself and your contacts with great teachers, '39ers, so that I can share your experiences with everyone in the next Class Notes.

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During the "business meeting" portion of our 60th class reunion (see previous issue of *CCT*), the following classmates were awarded the Dean's Pin, recognizing service to the class and the college: **Hugh Barber**, **Jack Beaudouin**, **Semmes Clarke**, **Joe Coffee**, **Ted de Bary**, **Bob Dettmer**, **Jim Dick**, **Arthur Friedman**, **Stan Gotliffe**, **Dick Greenwald**, **Harry Mellins**, **Bob Quittmeyer**, **Len Shayne**, **Arthur Weinstock** and **Bob Zucker**.

Among those unable to attend the 50th reunion, June 22-24, were **Bob Wallerstein** and wife Judith, both of whom had been scheduled to present papers at the International Psychoanalytic Association Conference in Vienna, Austria. To those classmates who were unable to come owing to illness or other problems, we extend our hopes that your difficulties are now resolved.

Finally, it is my sad duty to report the passing of classmate **Ray Raimondi** on August 14, 2001. Ray was a retired Professor of English at SUNY Orange, Middletown, N.Y.

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Since these notes were completed, we have all been shocked by the horrible, destructive attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, along with associated air piracy. These events will influence every aspect of our lives so that any and all of our plans may be altered. In the meantime, we offer our thoughts, deep sympathy and condolences to all who have suffered directly from these unbelievable and unprecedented attacks.

Although I have spoken to or received mail from many classmates over the past summer, I have little to report. Most of our discussions have focused on preparations for our 60th reunion. There have been offers of help from many quarters. **Dick Davies** in Washington, D.C., **Lee Reuther** in North Carolina, **Alan Creeger** from Richmond, Va., and **Dave Gelbard** from Los Angeles, as well as many of the usual suspects living closer to New York, have contacted me or **Vic Zaro** with suggestions, offers to help and to say they hope to attend. For once, their names (roughly 40) are too numerous to list. (See the class newsletter.)

Francis Romano, who has been out of touch for a while, is back in the fold, recruited by his friend and medical school classmate, **Nick DeVito**. Frank still practices medicine on Staten Island.

I've written about the many grandchildren of classmates who are currently students at Columbia. Let's not forget that one of **Bill Carey's** grandsons earned his varsity letter in football last year.

My wife and I tried all summer to get together with Ruth and **Charles West** but couldn't quite work it out. Charles, busy in retire-

ment as we all are, was commuting to Europe for a series of meetings and reunions.

Don Mankiewicz underwent cardiac surgery a few months ago and is recovering at home.

With the arrival of cool weather, our informal lunch meetings are back on track. Write to me or call if you want to join us, bring your old friends up to date or merely see your name in print.

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From **Bob Greene**, Box 2832, Amagansett, NY 11930:

"I'm glad you quoted **Joe Kelly**'s lines, '…nearing our 80th year on this planet. It would be interesting to learn how many of us are left…'

"Can it have gone so quickly? It is really almost 60 years? And in the distance I hear the bell tolling.

"So best I write. To account myself present, reasonably together, class of '43, freshman beanie, Dean Hawkes, McKnight, Miner and Barzun, Trilling and Van Doren, and war in Europe just weeks before we entered. I remember Dunning's orientation lecture. 'We're blowing up atoms in Pupin, so if the building goes sky-high, you know what happened!' It wasn't even a secret. Otto Hahn had just split the atom in Germany. It was still a curiosity.

"You make me add up. What did I do with the 60 years? Where did they go? I think of Thomas Wolfe, 'O' lost and by the wind grieved…' Yet I had to do something.

"I'll fish for the past. I find myself a documentary writer at CBS in New York, then writing a book called *Television Writing*, playing jazz piano and recording for Blue Note in the early '50s. Staff writer with *American Broadcasting*, then back to CBS and ultimately to Washington, D.C., to work for Ed Murrow during the Kennedy time. More music in Washington, waiting to go to work for Bobby Kennedy until disaster struck. After which I went into music almost full time, re-forming Jelly Roll Morton's band of 1926 with a handful of old timers who played with him, and beginning a concert career with 'The World of Jelly Roll Morton.'

"Another book, *Blum-San*, the biography of Paul Blum, more music, another book still on the shelf unsold, and that damn bell still tolling.

"Sixty years? It's can't be. The wrong calendar. Joe Kelly must have it wrong. Approaching 80? But once again it's summer, and once again the leaves will fall, and I do not like to think that the times of their falling are now numbered. It prompts me to write, after this long silence.

"I send warm greetings and my best."

Extracted from extensive correspondence, **Lou Gallo**, who formerly had his own monologue radio show on WBAI, reiterates his theme that "God is an artifact" and that, perhaps, we were all first introduced to this concept in the Core Curriculum: sympathetically, your correspondent insists that "God is an artifice," but does not specifically remember arguing the point with him at seminars, though I do recall someone (Lou?) proposing "An atheist is a-theist."

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Martin L. Beller — the retired surgeon signals from Gaines, Pa., that his gifted granddaughter, Ruth Kjelgaard Foreman, graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the U. of Pennsylvania in June and. The "and" is his suggestion that we hold our 60th reunion at Arden House in Harriman, N.Y. — site of our 25th.

Dr. **Ira Gabrielson** — noted medical educator and doggedly decent public citizen, active on a half-dozen local health boards, has returned with his multitalented (does your partner fly her own plane?) and pediatric mate from a PBS-sponsored visit to Finland and Russia to hustle to California to see his great new granddaughter. He's back serving the community and his camera in Williamsburg, Mass.

Dr. **Robert McInerney** — another dynamic medical marvel in fertile Massachusetts, he and glorious Gloria — a genuine pistol in Pittsfield — discreetly confirm that they now bask in the glow of 12 grandchildren.

Dr. **Clement Curd** — eminent brother-in-law of McInerney and fellow dignitary in Pittsfield was warmly greeted at the 55th anniversary reunion in New York of his P&S class.

Dr. **Joshua Lederberg** — the Nobel Laureate has been honored by the National Library of Medicine, which has placed all his scientific papers and many personal ones of 55 years of achievement for biographers online at http://profiles.NLM.nih.gov/BB. His Columbia years are included.

Our nation is now dedicated to justice for thousands slain in New York, the Pentagon and Pennsylvania. Columbia's alumni also are moving forward with a campus

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Jean L. Cook, retired in Nice, France, graduated from P&S in 1947 and en route received a degree from the College, '44 or '45. Since our class needs more members, we welcome you with open arms, Dr. Jean. Please keep in touch.

Your CC is now substitute teaching K to 1 in the local district. Regardless of the class, I put the grammar questions on the board. The students might guess the right answer but cannot tell why. Sample: "This secret is between you and me or you and I?" Did you say "me" and give the reason of "me being the object of the preposition between?" Try that on your grandchildren. Hope they are better trained in grammar than the students in this area. Talking about the fundamentals of education leads me to mention the public speaking course I took at the College in preparation for preaching. I was told that the course was instituted just after Columbia defeated Stanford 7-0 in the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day in 1934. When the Columbia players were interviewed on the radio after the game, they spoke so poorly that the College decided a course in public speaking was necessary.

Our honorees this time, chosen at random, are Dr. **Roger Newman** of Indio, Calif., and **Robert J. Roman** of Salt Lake City, Utah. Let's hear from or about our honorees.

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The good news is that they are now publishing *Columbia College Today* six times a year. The bad news is that your class correspondent cannot make news out of thin air all of the time. Even with the scandalous **Howard Clifford** calling in with his fascinating news, I need help from the rest of you. Howard, by the way, is now in High Point, Nev., where he is teaching his three great-grandchildren blackjack in anticipation of a move to Las Vegas.

I did receive the following other note: "**Steve Seadler** urges that everyone concerned about war/peace, arms control, NMD and especially terrorism visit his new Web site, Terror1.com."

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This is the first contribution from our class to *CCT*'s new six-times-a-year publishing schedule and hardly reflective of the "high level of interest among alumni" (quoting the announcement about the extended publishing schedule). As this is written, there is nothing to report, having received exactly that from our classmates. In these "parlous" times of earthquakes, droughts, fires, explosions, civil wars and other catastrophes, natural and man-made, it seems almost pitiful to complain of utter silence. Still, it is your class correspondent's responsibility to fill this space with some regularity. In the circumstances, no less, and, it seems, no more can be done than to plead for class members' news of any sort, but preferably good, for future issues.

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On August 8, there came a note
From Donna Satow, which I quote:
"September 10 is your next deadline."
As I marked it with a red line,
That's too soon, I thought, to reach
Vacationers who've hit the beach,
Or taken tours to Nome or Rome;
How few I call will yet be home!
And even if I get in touch
With guys enough, there's still so much
Rewriting that I'll have to do
To make it flow along for you,
The time I have is not enough
To get and then write up good stuff.

Donna suggested I could write
A mere description of my plight
And/or express a pleading hope
That by the next time you'd send dope,
But though I've sometimes jogged your pen,
I don't like doing that again,
Believing that each notes should give
Its readers something substantive,
And in a style not just prosaic
But from time to time voltaic.
Yet even could I write with speed,
To do a piece you'd like to read
Would take more time than I had got;
I felt that I was in a spot.

Then inspiration, as it will,
Informed me how I still might fill
This hurried column in a style
To make perusal worth your while.
Specifically, I thank my Muse
For two suggestions I could use:
She told me, "Write it up in verse,
So that it will not be too terse,
And since you have so little time,
Write it in verse that uses rhyme!"

Her pair of helpful hints may be
A paradox to you; not me:
To aging poets, both of those
Come easier than writing prose,
For rhyme and meter less constrain
Than lubricate a poet's brain,
Which is at least an artful place
Where words are made to dance with grace,
Unless he's of that tone-deaf type
Whose sentences, of tuneless stripe,
Their unmelodic minds discharge in
Lines that lack a flush right margin,
Wrongly sure such lines must be
The proof their prose is poetry.
But verbal music is the heart
Of narrative and lyric art,
For poetry is the semantic
Branch of music, grave or antic;
As each valid poet knows,
When Poetry was raped by Prose,
She damned her rapist with a curse
And called their bastard child Free Verse.

But I digress … I must begin
To weave your information in.
Here goes, then, Class of '48:
Couplets to bring you up to date,
In four-beat lines like those of Swift
(So that you quickly get my drift),
Which, though they lack the charm of Spenser,
Editors (free speech!) can't censor.
Doggerel, at worst; at best,
Something to pique your interest.

I got an e-mail from our classmate **Durham Caldwell** (Springfield, Mass.)
To let me know my mention of
The book he'd edited with love
On veterans of World War Two
Had done what plugs are meant to do—
Led **Robert Silbert**, valedictorian,
To order one from our historian.

In that great city wherein we
Each earned his bachelor's degree,
The Y on 92nd Street,
Where music lovers often meet,
Hosted a night, the first of three
On aspects of jazz history,
That featured two live bands, produced
By our **Dick Hyman**. The first unloosed,
Through Dick's transcriptions, long-lost things
By The New Orleans Rhythm Kings,
Who had advanced young jazz aplenty
By the time in '2-and-20
When they first recorded. Then
Dick's second band of expert men
Played jazz of more sophistication-
Jelly Roll Morton's own creation.
(That line's as syncopated as
Many a bar of Jelly Roll's jazz).
Ben Ratliff wrote *The Times* review
These lines have versified for you;
He gave Dick's second band high praise
For making Morton's music blaze.

Too many phone calls come from peddlers,
Survey hacks, or other meddlers
Out to get what you might send,
But sometimes it's an old lost friend
Who finds your number out and calls,
And 50 years of silence falls.
Just such a telephonic perk
Restored my link to Lewis Kurke '49
(Who graduated from our College
Later than we did, to my knowledge).
We two were friends in those late '40s;
We would make off-campus sorties,
Once to see *Monsieur Verdoux*
When that old Chaplin film was new,
But further meetings were recessed
After my bride and I moved west;
Then children came, and somehow we
Lost touch for half a century.
Then Lew, a top psychiatrist,
Revived the friendship we had missed.
He lives in Phoenix, but, while east,
He called and said, "Let's have a feast!"
Agreed! Quite soon we met for dinner
(Each one balder but not thinner);
Taking turns for hours, we
Summarized 50 years in three,
Then spent another hour on
Old friends like Allen who are gone.
It's great when guys you used to know
Call from the blue and say hello!
And greater still to see again
A dear old friend who knew you when!

Do you remember when I tried
To find **Bill Vessie**? Someone eyed
My plea, who lives in Kalispell,
Montana, too, and knows Bill well—
Craig S. DeYoung, who got in touch,
For which I thank him very much,
As well as for his thoughtfulness
In sending Bill's e-mail address
And other information which
I've used to make this section rich.
I e-mailed Bill, who promptly e-Mailed back a cheerful, short c.v.
(Including his new mail address):
Six years at med school (P&S),
Five at a hospital (Roosevelt),
Then 31 years when he dwelt,
Among the Rockies that attract us
To the west, in private practice,
Till in '90 he retired.

Meanwhile Dr. Bill had sired,
With wife, Donna, children who
Have since produced grandchil-
dren too.
While practicing as an M.D.,
Bill found the time for falconry,
As well as time to hunt, fish, ski,
And race his quarter horses; he
Even roped calves professionally.

Bill's also had his share of pain,
About which he does not complain,
Content that he has kept on being:
In '64, a fall while skiing
Made him quadriplegic, till
A year of exercise helped Bill
Recover somewhat (so says Craig,
Whose admiration isn't vague);
Then Fate gave Bill another poke:
A year ago, he had a stroke.
But though impaired, he's not a
wreck;
His e-mail ended, "What the heck!"

That's all the info Bill sent back,
For with his customary lack
Of boastfulness, he just left out
Achievements other men would
shout:
Craig says Bill did, in only two
Years, what most rivals never do—
By practicing with little rest,
Become one of the world's 10 best
At roping calves at rodeos,
And Calgary's was one of those.
Athletically, young Bill was great
When we were ripe to graduate.
The high jump record that he set
In '48, no jumper'd get
To break, says Craig, for 30 years!
That long did Bill transcend his
peers.
Columbia, Bill's 78!
Please honor him before too late!
And classmates, here's the new
address he
Sent me: "William A. Vessie,
P. 0. Box 9675";
Then, to ensure your notes arrive,
Add "Kalispell, MT"; append
His ZIP code at that same line's end:
"59904" (don't deprive
That of its "dash 2675").

P.S.: This is the only time
That I will write class notes in
rhyme.
Now that the exercise is done,
I hope you've had what I had, fun;
If not, I'm at your call and beck.
To quote Bill Vessie, "What the
heck!"

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John Weaver is trying to put together an e-mail directory for our class. Our 55th anniversary coincides with the 250th of the College. Please contact him at wudchpr@aol.com if you have an e-mail address, as it will facilitate faster and closer communication among us.

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The Core Curriculum never leaves us. **Carmine Bianchi** writes: "I really appreciate my liberal arts education at Columbia. After retiring from Thomas Jefferson Medical College in 1997, I continued teaching a colloquium on Hippocrates, Maimonides and Albert Schweitzer. The course is modeled on my courses with Professor William Casey."

Howard Hanson reports that "no big deal" is occurring with him, but he did "hike his feet off" with his 4-year-old grandson in Colorado over the summer. (No doubt that would be a big deal to some of us old folks.) Howard, a dedicated Midwesterner, says that "Westward ho!" seems to be the watchword in his family as his son and other relatives move to Colorado.

Under the heading of "It's never too late:" **Ralph Italie** says that it was a "most pleasant surprise" to him and his wife, Barbara, when their middle child, Michael (well over age 40), was married last spring. Michael and his bride, Pamela, live in Miami.

Milton Levine has overcome some severe medical problems and has recovered sufficiently to resume playing tennis. Milton, although retired from medical practice, is still teaching residents, fellows and medical students at Long Island Jewish Hospital.

Alex MacDonell has fully retired from the ministry. No more "keeping a hand in" by substituting for clergy who had to be temporarily away from their parishes, he says. Alex continues to talk enthusiastically about the cochlear implant that his wife, Clare, had undergone and which he reported earlier in this column. "To any of our classmates who have nerve impairment-related hearing problems," he says, "a cochlear implant is miraculous! Clare would be happy to tell them about it."

Joe Mehan, an adjunct professor at SIPA for 10 years, retired last year and has since been busy writing a critical analysis of America's media evolution since WWII and its impact on the global media scene. Joe was a working journalist for 20 years and spent 12 years at the United Nations working on media issues.

Bob Schiller and his wife, Gloria, California residents, traveled to NYC for the wedding of Gloria's son, Howard Klar, to Jennifer Kerstein.

Gerald Weissmann, in his fourth decade as professor at the NYU School of Medicine, has had a literary career as well. His seventh book of belletristic essays, *The Year of the Genome*, was published this year (Times Books/Henry Holt) at the same time that an earlier work, *Darwin's Audubon*, was reissued in paperback (Perseus). Gerald's wife, Ann, has been curator of well-received shows of fine art at the New-York Historical Society; his daughter, Lisa, is chief of oncology at Cambridge, Mass. City Hospital; and his son, Andrew, is chief of the criminal division in the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Eastern District in New York.

Sad to report, **Daniel Kocan** died on September 4 in Frederick, Md. Dan's entire career was in teaching college mathematics and he retired in 1990 as professor at the State University of New York, Potsdam. He is survived by his wife, Teresita, and two daughters.

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As the College began its annual Class Day on May 15, who could have imagined the greater meaning of "Sans Souci?" Even as I write these class notes, the prophetic words, "What if tomorrow brings/sorrow or anything/other than joy" echo in my mind. The recent devastation in New York transcends the importance of a report such as this. Nevertheless, life goes on, and I am left to dedicate this column to the memory of readers who may never see it.

The Class of '51 was well represented at Class Day by our president, **Robert Snyder**, as well as **Carroll Brown**, **Frank Durkan**, **Robert Flynn**, **William Grote**, **Tom Heyman**, **Nathan Kase** and **Alan Wagner**. At Commencement exercises the following day, Snyder, in his capacity as an honorary hood marshal, participated in the conferring of honorary Columbia degrees to distinguished Americans Timothy Berners-Lee, Arthur Levitt, Jr., Maxwell Roach and Zhen-Yi-Wang.

Our 50th reunion, September 7-9, was certainly one of the most exciting and entertaining events in reunion history. Classmates from the College and SEAS united in a celebration that began with a Friday visit to the Morningside campus and concluded with a weekend at Columbia's Arden House Conference Center at Harriman, N.Y. Attending were: **Robert Allgaier**, **Leonard Alsop**, **Joseph V. Ambrose Jr.**, **Evan Barrington**, **Don Beattie**, **Walter G. Berghahn**, **Philip M. Bergovoy**, **David Berman**, **Gerald J. Berrafati**, **Theodore D. Bihuniak**, **William A. Billingham**, **Willard Block**, **William S. Bonds**, **Richard N. Bowe**, **Joseph Brouillard**, **Richard Brown**, **Phillip A. Bruno**, **Joseph A. Buda**, **Alfred E. Byra**, **John A. Cervieri Jr.**, **Edwin G. Croswell**, **Sherwin C. Day**, **Frank Durkan**, **John T. Easter**, **Charles Emich**, **Gerald Evans**, **John J. Evans**, **Robert H. Flynn**, **Glenn Friedman**, **John Gibbons Jr.**, **Alfred Gomez**, **Richard Griffin**, **William C. Grimsley**, **William Grote**, **Samuel B. Haines**, **John Handley**, **Thomas Heyman**, **Richard Houghton**, **Mark Kaplan**, **Nathan Kase**, **Martin L. Katz**, **W. Fred Kinsey III**, **Norton Kolomeyer**, **George Koplinka**, **Harvey Krueger**, **Jay Lefer**, **Frank Lewis**, **B. James Lowe**, **Ralph Lowenstein**, **Archie MacGregor**, **James B. McNallen**, **Warren Nadel**, **Richard Newman**, **Robert Nielsen**, **Nis A. Petersen**, **Tom Powers**, **George Prozan**, **Frank Raimondo**, **Donald J. Rap-**

son, **Robert M. Reiss**, **Merritt Rhoad**, **Allan Robbins**, **Mervin Ross**, **Stanley Schachter**, **Peter Schiff**, **Arnold Schwartz**, **Richard Seropian**, **Robert Charles Silver**, **Roy Simmons**, **Joseph Sirola**, **Robert T. Snyder**, **Leonard Stoehr**, **Peter Suzuki**, **Edwin M. Trayner**, **H. Elliot Wales**, **Paul A. Wallace**, **Warren Wanamaker**, **Harold B. White Jr.**, **Warren R. Wilson**, **Myron Winick**, **Tom Withycombe**, **Ronald E. Young** and **David Zinman**.

Nis Petersen, exhibiting a wealth of Columbia architectural knowledge, conducted a tour of campus sites and sculpture most of us overlooked during our college days. Later, President George Rupp graciously hosted an informative luncheon during which he highlighted the academic growth and financial strength of Columbia. The reunion schedule included lectures and remarks from our class poetry professor, **Richard Howard**, and television and film producer **Alan Wagner**. **David Zinman** was spellbinding with a report on his recently published book, *The Day Huey Long Was Shot*. **Ralph Lowenstein** reviewed his activity as a young soldier in Israel during the 1948 war of independence. In addition, Columbia's talented faculty was represented by Clark Hung, who lectured on cellular engineering; James Mirollo, who stirred imaginations with a return to Dante's *Inferno*; and Henry Graff, a long-time favorite teacher, who provided insights and comments about the American presidency, past and present.

The Deans' Dinner-Dance, with featured speakers Austin Quigley from the College and Zvi Galil from Engineering, concluded the major festivities. Enthusiastic classmates, at an impromptu business meeting, agreed to start planning for a 55th reunion in 2006! Class officers were re-elected unanimously and directed to encourage greater participation at the annual Dean's Day on campus and to strengthen class ties with more frequent directory updates and the addition of e-mail addresses. **Mark Kaplan**, our ubiquitous class fund-raising chairman, reported that more than 40 percent of '51C made contributions to our 50th anniversary gift to the College, and we exceeded our goal of $225,000.

In addition to the class officers and a large reunion steering committee, many others contributed to the success of the 50th reunion. We are especially grateful to Dean Quigley for his encouragement and participation. Our reunion yearbook and class directory could not have been published without the help of the Office of Alumni Affairs and Development, which not only provided essential information about classmates but made most of the reunion arrangements at Arden House. Our hats are off to Ken Catandella, director, and his staff members, Heather Applewhite and Sharen Ovalles. **Jim Lowe** and his NROTC team inspired a large attendance and planned many of the activities for our Navy contingent. **Tom Powers** reached into his archives of Columbia sports memorabilia and provided a captivating video of our championship basketball era. In retrospect, what made our 50th reunion so significant was the large number of class participants who attended and brought their spouses. The key word was caring — for family, classmates and Columbia. As a group we have matured, gone beyond the competition and one-upsmanship that existed at our 25th reunion, and evolved into a very loving group of alumni.

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These notes are being written a few days after the calamitous events in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania. I intended to report on the latest news regarding our 50th reunion. We were going to have a crucial reunion committee meeting to make some important decisions, but the meeting was canceled. Please watch the next issue for further news.

On another sad note: **Arch Ingerman** has heard that our classmate and his fraternity brother, **Elliot Gottfried**, passed away on August 31, apparently after a massive stroke at his Florida home.

I spoke with **Gene Manfrini**, who has been feeling the cumulative effects of his ailments and age. He still manages to get around to some of his old clients, but it is getting more difficult for him. I know we all wish him our very best.

We send our best to **Bob Landes**, who also has been having some medical problems.

I can only say that, as of this writing, I have not learned of any loss within my family of close friends because of these treacherous attacks. I wish the same for all of you.

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Angel I. Ferrer: Angel was a member of the class of 1953 who left in 1952 to graduate from the University of Chicago. He writes the following, "I was hoping that I could exchange information with former classmates. I now live in Alexandria, Va., and am president of a software consulting company. I have six grown-up children and six grandchildren." Angel especially would like to get in touch with **Bernard Epstein**, **Richard Cohoes**, **Herb Mark** and **James Coyne**.

Ken Heyman: Ken recalls that because he was not much of a student, he was put on academic probation and drafted into the Army before graduating. In 1954, he returned to Columbia, where he took a course with Margaret Mead. Professor Mead was intrigued with Ken's photographs of a settlement house in Harlem, and asked him to accompany her on a field study in Bali. Thus began a fast friendship between our classmate and the exalted professor. Subsequently, Ken took pictures for Mead in Mexico, Vermont and Sicily. Ken has more than 54 books of photographs to his credit; his most famous book is *Family* (Ridge Press, 1965), which sold more than 150,000 copies and was the first book of photographs ever selected as a Book of the Month club selection.

On November 3, 2001, to celebrate Mead's centennial, the American Museum of Natural History in New York staged an exhibit of Ken's photographs for the Margaret Mead books.

Martin Saiman: After practicing real estate law in New York for 40 years, Marty retired in 1996 to take up golf. He now lives half the year in Manhattan and the other half in Florida. Before retiring, he was instrumental in opening a fascinating tenement museum on the Lower East Side. Marty and his colleagues found a 20-foot wide, four-story building that had been built in 1860. Knowing that more people had lived in tenement apartments than log cabins in the West, their objective was to show how immigrants lived in the Lower East Side. Families donated old sewing machines, grandma's shawl and grandpa's rocking chair, and other pieces of the period. Marty estimates that over the years more than 10,000 people lived in the building they have turned into a museum.

Marty married Rita, a Queens girl who lived virtually next door. They have three children, and their oldest daughter is a member of the faculty at P&S. Marty also established a scholarship in honor of our classmate **George Shaw**, who was twice a member of the U.S. Olympic team.

Ben Cappadora: After graduation, Ben started with the New York real estate firm of Webb and Knapp. In 1957, he emigrated to Cleveland where he's remained ever since, buying, selling and managing various real estate properties. He's still active and does not intend to retire. He's married to his college sweetheart, Phyllis. They have two children and two grandchildren.

Al Ward: In 1965, after 35 years of straightening teeth in New Jersey, Al and Sheila retired to Columbia, S.C. Al reports that he cannot ever get away from the College. Not only is he living in a city called 'Columbia,' but he finds that the skies above the town are always light blue. He loves retirement and plays golf every other day, and wishes all classmates to be aware that he has a single digit handicap. They have three children and three grandchildren, including one set of identical twins.

As you may recall, during our senior year, Al appeared as the handsome, debonair college man in an ad for Chesterfield cigarettes — even though Al never smoked! He told me that he was paid $200 for the ad and this provided the funds he needed to attend senior week. "It was the best $200 I ever earned," Al said with a chortle.

With regard to his 'pass catching prowess,' it was the accuracy of **Mitch Price**'s arm that enabled him to catch so many passes.

Anthony Robinson: As you may recall, Tony's father was the author of a best-selling novel, *The Cardinal*. Tony seems to have followed in his father's footsteps. Over the years, he has written and published five novels. His first novel is called *A Departure From the Rules* and is based on his experience in the navy aboard a destroyer. It was published by Putnam. His second novel, *The Easy Way*, is a courtroom drama that was published by Simon and Schuster. *Home Again, Home Again* was published by William Morrow, and Donald I. Fine published *The Whole Truth*. Tony's latest work is called *Professor's Wife*. He's still working on finding a publisher. In 2000, Tony retired after 36 years as a professor of English and creative writing at SUNY-New Paltz.

Tony's first wife Mary died in 1976, and Tony raised his two children. Four years ago, Tony married Tatiana Padua Robinson. They knew each other while growing up in Woodstock, N.Y. Forty years later, Tony and Tatiana met once again and found themselves in love. Tony reports that he couldn't be happier.

Keep on writing!

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This is a difficult column to write for several reasons. To begin with, I guess many of our class members had been enjoying their sum-

mers in a variety of ways that don't always include sending information to be shared concerning what is happening in their lives. I did, however, hear that **Dick Werksman** has retired from full-time employment as senior adviser at the State Department on anti-corruption programs but plans to continue similar work, primarily in Latin America. I also heard that Rabbi **Jack Bloom** recently received an honorary Doctor of Divinity, Honoris Causa, from the Jewish Theological Seminary. Congratulations, Jack! We also will look for a new book Jack has written, which will be published in the next few months. He and his wife Ingrid live in Fairfield, Conn., and are blessed with five children and five grandchildren.

I was at a meeting at the Sheraton Hotel at Newark Airport on September 11. I was shaken and enraged by the cowardly attack. A number of thoughts crossed my mind as I looked at the smoke and flames rising from the World Trade Center. They included heartache and concern for those whose lives were lost either in the air or on the ground, anger at the fanatics who perpetrated this act of terrorism, and, quite honestly, concern as to how I was going to get home. I ended up flying home five days after my intended flight. The silver lining was that I was able to spend that extra time with my son and his family in Connecticut. I hope that none of our classmates were at Ground Zero. The outpouring of help and support from all over our country and the world has been heartening. The Columbia Alumni Club of San Diego was among those who sent contributions.

Our class is gifted with journalists and authors of note. **Ed Cowan** is certainly one of them He wrote, "With the attack of September 11, as with the attack of December 7, 1941 (of which I have an 8-year-old's memory), America has turned the page on a new chapter. America closed successfully the chapter that opened with the attack on Pearl Harbor. We won, and for most Americans the 56 years since that victory have been an epoch of good living. I believe we can win again, but as in the 1940s, it will be difficult. And it may be costly."

I fervently hope that our class, our College and our country will come out of this period stronger and more united. Please share your experiences and thoughts with us. Be well and let's plan on a gigantic 50th reunion in less than three short years.

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The tragic events of September 11 were felt by all in the Columbia community. The school did a fantastic job in reacting to the severe situation with crisis counseling (in groups as well as individuals; in dorms as well as offices), conducting special services and forums, and keeping everyone informed as to what was happening. Administrators and deans were available to students and played a significant role in the healing process, led by President George Rupp and Dean Austin Quigley. Addressing student and parental concerns was paramount. As the days and weeks began to pass, everyone tried in their own way to escape the pain and angst brought on by what had transpired and still lingered in our memories. Some sought to spend a fall Saturday afternoon in the upper reaches of Manhattan. The scene was familiar at Baker Field, where the young Columbia Lions were "playing their hearts out" against rivals they have gone against for many years. Hope springs eternal for alumni, students, parents and administrators. This diversion was an escape from events past or the regular weekday business or studying (although some students have been known to inscribe notes during timeouts and at halftime).

Even the tragedy could not nullify the resurgent vibrancy among the undergraduate body, with so much going on. The enthusiasm level, although somewhat muted initially, is a reminder of the time when we were in school — participating, joining, learning, and most of all, having a good time. A walk around campus brings back many good memories. We were there when traffic was eliminated between Broadway and Amsterdam on 116th Street. Grass still hadn't been placed on South Field. (The Soph-Frosh Rush would have been a little easier on the body if played on grass.)

Burnell Stripling, who lives in Menominee, Mich., has retired from practicing medicine. Burnell was recently in New York to attend his 50th high school reunion (Fordham Prep). While here, he spent some meaningful time with **Dick Grogan**, who lives in New Jersey, and **Harry Wagner**, who resides right around the corner from Columbia. Another of our physicians, though not retired, is **Jerry Plasse**, still toiling away in Owings Mills, Md., after all these years.

Passing through New York recently from Wilmington, Del., was **Abbe Leban**, who was visiting on behalf of a couple of law cases he was handling. Abbe sends regards to all and extends best wishes from our classmate in South Jersey, **Ferdie Setaro**.

Staying nearby on the East Coast, **Bill Epstein** let us know that he will be leaving the legal staff of Hoffmann La Roche. Bill, who recently took time off to explore and travel around China, will be moving to another corporation shortly. (More information in a future column.) **Al Sacknoff** continues his family practice on the north shore of Long Island in Huntington. We trust Al will be making an appearance at our 50th, along with orthodontist and ex-Forest Hillser, **Milt Merritt**, who lives with his family in Roslyn.

Moving north, **Alan Sloate** is quite busy with his legal practice in Larchmont. (Lawyers are always busy.) **Joe Possavino** is also "swamped" in his consulting role in Yonkers. Teachers in our class include **John O'Gorman**, who is broadening young people's minds in Larchmont, and Greenwich's own **Mike Vaughn**, imparting his physics expertise to his students at Northeastern.

A year-round tennis player, either in New York or out on Long Island, **Alfred Gollomp** recently visited with **Jim Berick** in Cleveland. Unfortunately, Alfred's stay was too short for him to make the rounds to see **Al Lerner** and **Harlan Hertz**, two other class members who do a lot for the Cleveland community.

Several compatriots live and work overseas. **Francis Catterson** makes Singapore his home while working for Citibank in Southeast Asia. It's a long way from Brooklyn. **Eugene Weiner**, who occasionally gets back to the States, is a professor of sociology in Haifa, Israel. **Bill Weinstein** also is a professor, at Henly — The Management College in England, where he teaches international business. Open invitations have been extended to classmates to get in touch with Messrs. Catterson, Weiner and Weinstein if they are in these parts of the globe.

Hawaii is not really considered overseas (or is it?) according to **Norm Goldstein**, who hasn't gotten back to the mainland in quite a while. Other '55ers in Honolulu are **Richard Korsak**, retired chairman of Kaiser Hospital, and the venerable right-hander, **Walt Deptula**, whose production company is located on the Big Island. You guys will be happy to know that the men's basketball team will be playing in the BYU-Hawaii Pearl Harbor Tournament in Laie just before Christmas this year. We hope to see you at one of the games. The team needs your support so far from home.

Of course we can't forget some of the hard-working souls who live on the West Coast — **Harold Seider**, busy practicing law in Los Angeles; **David Gordon**, living in Solana Beach, Calif., working in the film/video production industry as a producer/director; and **Jared Myers**, doing what he does best in Alamo. For those who have forgotten, Jared was one of the Kingsmen back in the old days.

Around the rest of the country, **Nicholas Nichols** has retired from his position as a college professor. Nick is living very nicely in Little Rock, Ark., home of another well-known personage who now has a home in Chappaqua, N.Y., and an office in Harlem. **Dave Sulman** is in Madison, Wis., working as a professor of medicine at the university there. **Ed Francell**, ex-lightweight football great, is in the real estate business in Georgia. Another resident of the Peach State is St. Louis expatriate **Dick Heffner**.

The Class of 2005 completed its orientation and started classes in early September. When these stalwart Columbia students graduate, we, the venerable Class of '55, will be celebrating our 50th reunion.

Guys, stay well. Do a little (not too much) exercise. Get that blood circulating. Watch your diets or have someone do that for you, and — most of all — stay strong.

Love to all!!! Everywhere!!!

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A brief note this time as NYC is still in a mild state of shock and your loyal, non-gambling president was stuck in Nevada after a family wedding. I really only went to see my cute and very determined grandson. After three flight cancellations, I used the old Columbia resourceful spirit and took two Greyhound buses to San Francisco, stayed overnight and finally got a plane to JFK. Great security, and I think flying is the safest means of travel currently. Was I happy to get back to NYC!

By the time you read this, Homecoming against Penn will have come and gone. We will have spent a great day at Baker Field swapping tales and family — especially grandchildren — stories, including photos, and I will have have had a lovely French dinner at a local restaurant I frequent and bring almost all my dates for the charming owner to comment upon. Thanks to **Larry Gill**, who, with computer skills greater than mine, offered to e-mail many of our classmates to get greater participation. In addition to Larry and

Vera, I will have seen friends **Steve Easten** and **Danny Link**, who have been captivated by new girlfriends Elke and Eleanor, respectively. Also **Lew** and Anita **Hemmerdinger** and probably **Bill** and Vicki **Gregory** and **Mike** and Lisa **Spett** will have joined in the wild festivities and **Bob Siroty** and others are threatening to break the peace as of this date. The more the merrier.

Horace Givens retired in 1997, as did I, and splits his time between Maine and Arizona playing golf, writing fiction, etc. You can guess the seasons for each location. As with many of us, his children are scattered, California and Texas, and his wife is still active professionally. If Libby were alive, she also would still be working up a storm while I was retired and taking so many interesting courses at Columbia. This term the courses include a long overdue re-reading of Plato and Aristotle, a course of 19th century English literature and a course of various autobiographies. I've been doing this for 15 years, at night while practicing full time, and may finally consider myself educated one day.

Danny Freeman lives near Columbia and promises to make the 50th. He judges NYC parking tickets, but with a handwriting almost as bad as mine, he should have been a physician. It took me years to develop my distinctive handwriting, if you could call it that. Anyhow, Danny, nice to hear from you and we want you and many, many more for the 50th, plus updates for our great yearbook.

Guys, please contact me with news, stories and suggestions for class events and get togethers during the five-year intra-reunion period. Love to all and hoping to see many of you during the next four years. Also my prayers for our health, happiness and safety.

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Ron Kushner shortly will be sending out our class questionnaire. Ron has been working on it for some time, basing it "mainly on [his] own ideas of what would be interesting," with additional input from our Senior Survey ('57 yearbook) and the Class of '55 survey.

George Lutz has retired as director of health and wellness for Johnson & Johnson and established a consulting practice in integrative and mind-body medicine in Warren, N.J. George practices with his wife, Eileen, an RN and certified social worker; he specializes in primary care psychiatry and addictions, hypnosis and alternative medicine. His daughter, Michele, recently received her M.B.A. from the Harvard Business School, where she is a Dean's Fellow.

Marty Fisher reports on telephoning class members to drum up advance interest in our 2002 reunion. At this time, he limits himself to four professors, a cartoonist, one minister, one businessman, four physicians, one dentist, and five attorneys — and a partridge in a pear tree. He is saving others for subsequent issues of *CCT*. **Bob Alter**, a Berkeley professor, has written many books. His most recent are *The Art of Biblical Poetry* and *The Literary Guide to the Bible* with Frank Kermode. **Erich Gruen**, our class valedictorian and Bob's colleague on the Berkeley faculty, has recently published *Heritage and Hellenism: The Reinvention of the Jewish Tradition* and *The Last Generation of the Roman Republic*. Erich's roommate at Columbia, **Jon Lubin**, retired as professor of math at Brown. He has moved to Pasadena, Calif., where he writes, consults and teaches.

Mac Gimse retired as professor of art history at St. Olaf's College in Minnesota. **Ed Koren**, whose unique cartoons have appeared in *The New Yorker* for about 35 years as well as in past issues of *CCT*, sends them in from Brookfield, Vt. Remember **Gary Angleberger** and **Ed Heiser**? Gary is a Presbyterian minister in Beaver, Pa., and Ed retired as a top executive of a Fortune 500 company and lives in Savannah.

Physicians: Former quarterback Claude Benham is in Chesapeake, Va., **Joe Karp** retired as a Westchester urologist and **Joe Ferragamo** retired in Nassau County, N.Y. **Bill Friedman**, senior associate dean for academic affairs, UCLA School of Medicine, is a leading cardiologist.

Dentist and successful inventor **Gene Wagner** lives in Los Angeles.

Five attorneys: **Dave Kassoy** and **Herb Sturman** practice in L.A. **Lou Hoynes**, who successfully argued baseball's landmark free agent case involving Curt Flood in the Supreme Court, is executive vice president and general counsel for American Home Products in Madison, N.J. **Don Clarick** practices in Miami, as does **Bob Lehner**, who is with the Department of Justice.

Al Anton experienced what he described as "a day like no other" on September 11, when he was at the World Trade Center for a seminar instead of at his midtown office. He was having coffee with a friend and enjoying the view from the north windows on the 44th floor when the first plane struck. All he could see was a blur above him. "The building shook, making it hard for me to maintain my balance," he related.

In a most moving three-page account of the day's events, Al tells of his descent on the smoke-filled stairway, passing firefighters and security people, and his subsequent odyssey through the financial district, Chinatown, Little Italy and Greenwich Village. All the while he was unable to reach his wife, two sons and daughter; only in the afternoon did they learn that he was safe.

Seared in his memory is "the image of the young firefighters and security people heading up the stairs… in all likelihood going to their deaths." Al thought of this passage from John 15:13: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man may lay down his life for his friends." He added, "The hate that inspired the raid has been eclipsed by the love and compassion and devotion to duty that has characterized New York and, indeed, all America in the past few days. If we can retain this spirit, all the loss and suffering will not have been in vain."

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Earl McFarland has retired as a professor of economics at Williams College. Earl joined the faculty in 1968 and has primarily taught development economics courses. For much of his professional life he has done research on Africa, and he also has been involved with the Center for Development Economics, having served as its chair.

After graduating Phi Beta Kappa from the College, Earl earned his Ph.D. in economics and international law at Columbia. In the '80s, he spent two years in Botswana, where he was the chief economist of the macro division of the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning. (Readers of this column will remember that **Ralph Stephens** also spent a couple of years in Botswana.)

Stan Meyer's 13-year old fencing prodigy son, Brendan, won six gold medals and two bronzes this past season, and is national champion in three categories: youth 12 (where he is ranked first nationally); youth 14; and cadet (under 17, which he won at the Junior Olympics). He also took a bunch of medals at the Summer National Championships. Brendan is the only youth 12 men's fencer to compete and earn a ranking in Division 1, the senior group. Perhaps prophetically, Stan recently ran into Bart Nisonson '62, who is an orthopedist at Lenox Hill Hospital and the brother of **Ian Nisonson**, a '58 fencer. Stan's daughter, Adara, attends Marymount High School in Manhattan. Stan and his wife, Eileen, conduct a psychotherapy practice, and, yes, he still has his glue business.

Once again *New York* magazine's list of the best doctors in the city and suburbs includes a number of classmates: **Stan Goldsmith**, a specialist in nuclear medicine at the N.Y. Weill Cornell Medical Center (isn't it time they retired your number, Stan? You're on the list every year!); **Mark Hardy**, who performs kidney transplants and deals with parathyroid disease at Columbia-Presbyterian; **Bob Waldbaum**, a urologist at North Shore University Hospital in Manhasset; vascular surgeon **Steve Konigsberg**, who practices in Highland Park, N.J.; as well as **Charles Goodstein**'s wife, Carolyn, an allergist at Englewood (N.J.) Hospital and Medical Center.

Here's our reminder about the class lunch **Scott Shukat** hosts on the second Tuesday of every month in the Grill Room of the Princeton/Columbia Club, 15 W. 43rd Street ($31 per person). You can let Scott know if you plan to attend (up to the day before), by phone at (212) 582-7614; by fax at (212) 315-3752; or by e-mail at scott@shukat.com.

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It was great to hear from so many of you. Please keep the cards and letters coming, because with *CCT* changing to six issues per year, we can almost keep up-to-date with your news.

Roald Hoffmann, our Nobel Laureate, continues to explore new worlds beyond chemistry. Besides publishing several collections of poetry and nonfiction, he recently has written a play, *Oxygen*, with Carl Djerassi. *Oxygen* is about competition and discovery in science and was to open November 14 for a three-week run in London at the Riverside Studios. Roald also reports, "I just spent six months on a sabbatical at Columbia, sitting in the same Havemeyer Hall rooms I sat in 45 years ago…"

Lou Kushnick is director of the Ahmed Iqbal Ullah Race Relations Archive at the University of Manchester (England). Until recently, he was senior lecturer in the department of sociology there. His two most recent books, *Race, Class and Struggle: Inequality and Racism in Britain, the U.S. and Western Europe* (Rivers Oram Press, 1997) and *A New Introduction to Poverty* (New York University Press, 1998) are still in print.

Mike Tannenbaum tells us that the project he has been working on at the Brookhaven National Laboratory for nearly the past

20 years (!), the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider, went into full operation last summer and led almost immediately to results that Mike had the honor to report at two international meetings in France. The talks were in English, but, according to Mike, "thanks to Mr. Brody's French class freshman year, I could have given them in French." Yeah, right.

Ray LaRaja's youngest son just graduated from the College, and Ray has just retired from the twin posts of director of surgery and director of the residency program at New York's Mount Sinai Hospital.

Bob Koor is semi-retired from the practice of law in Indiana, though he continues to be active as a Chapter 7 bankruptcy trustee working out of Muncie, Ind. Bob and his wife live in Carmel, a suburb of Indianapolis.

Last year, **Steve Kallis** wrote a book, *Radio's Captain Midnight: The Wartime Biography* (McFarland & Company). The book is a retrospective of the old-time adventure radio program, *Captain Midnight*, presented as a biography of the title character. Steve says, "Sales have been OK, but it isn't on the *NYT* bestseller list, yet." Maybe we can help. It was one of our favorite programs as kids. It's available from the publisher and online, but must be special ordered at bookstores.

Ken Miskow spent six years as a Marine Corps pilot, then joined Pan American. When Pan Am sold its Pacific Division to United in 1986, Ken went with them. Ken has been based in San Francisco for his entire career, except for four years in Honolulu. He's retiring next year after 36 years of flying and says that after retirement, he "plans to loaf and play lots of tennis. Extensive traveling is not really in my plans (you can probably guess why)."

Steve Buchman "retired from the active practice of law seven years ago and became a career consultant/counselor at Columbia Law School. My role includes working with current law students and alumni of the school. In addition to the two days a week I spend at Columbia, I maintain an office at Chadbourne & Parke, where I am the firm's ombudsman. The work in both positions, complementary in many ways, is extremely rewarding, and the opportunity to be on the Columbia campus twice a week is just icing on the cake."

Remember that class notes duties for this column are now shared with **Bennett Miller**, who can be reached at 7805 Fox Gate Court, Bethesda, MD 20817. You also can e-mail him at miller_bennett@yahoo.com.

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Elegance, grace and style have marked **David Farmer**'s columns these past 14 years as our class correspondent. Thank you, David, for performing so admirably — your columns always were a joy to read and your devotion to the class and the College deserves our gratitude.

David is looking forward to reducing his commitments, which include service as founding director of the Dahesh Museum on Fifth Avenue near 48th St. (a small gem above street level and across from Barnes & Noble) and teaching a course at Pratt. He and his wife, Pat, plan to spend more time at their home in Maine where they will be able to see more of their 1½-year-old grandson and their daughter in Portland.

Although David may have put down his pen (if only in regard to this column), **Peter Glassgold**'s pen remains prolific. Peter's latest book, *Anarchy! An Anthology of Emma Goldman's Mother Earth*, was published in May by Counterpoint Press. This is Peter's 35th book, as author, editor or editor/translator.

Congratulations to **Bob Berne**, recipient of a 2001 Alumni Medal given by the University's Alumni Federation. Bob chaired the Columbia College Fund with outstanding success, served as vice president of the Alumni Association, served on the Board of Visitors, and has long been active in class activities and reunion organizing. Special recognition should go to Bob and his wife, Steffi, for hosting the cocktail party at their beautiful home in the Dakota as the kickoff to each of our recent class reunions — events that are always highlights.

Finally, I assume responsibility for this column with humility and modest talents. I follow in the footsteps of **Dave Farmer**, **Steve Lerner** and the late and much beloved **Billy Goodstein** (apologies if I failed to mention any other prior author) with the hope that I will engage your interest, as did my predecessors. I write this piece uncomfortably close to its publication deadline in a jet-lagged state upon returning from a fascinating tour of China and disembarking in a New York cloaked in mourning following the tragic events of September 11. It is my hope that each of you will let me know the events in your life — whether past, present or future aspirations — that you would like to share with members of the class, and that this finds you in the best of health and with spirits restored.

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Our New York area classmates have formed a luncheon club that meets the third Tuesday of each month. If you would like to attend, please contact **Tony Adler** at awadlcr@amleasing.com for details.

Bob Salmon ran unopposed in the June primary for the New Jersey democratic state committee from Monmouth County. Bob's daughter, Suzanne, presented him with his first grandson in January.

After 35 years in private practice, **Bruce Shoulson** entered the technology world as general counsel for Net 2 Phone, Inc., a company that provides telephony services for the Internet. Bruce states that his wife, Robyn, their three children and four grandchildren are still speaking to him, and some actually think it was a good idea!

Jack Samet was elected to the American board of Trial Advocates. Jack is chairman of the litigation group in the California offices of Baker & Hostetler. Jack, his wife, Helen, and son, Peter, enjoy Los Angeles and the Lakers.

Michiel Bourdrez was awarded the Presidential Medal for distinguished service from the National Council of Architectural Registration Board. The award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the protection of the public health, safety and welfare through service to the Council. As a practicing architect, Michiel has twice headed his own firm and also has been president of Crowder, Hammack, Nicolaides and Willis, based in Kaiserlauten, Germany. His professional experience includes a stint with New York's department of housing preservation and development. Michiel lives in Arlington, Va.

Robert Randall is editor of *Strategy and Leadership*, a management journal for corporate leaders and scholars published by Emerald (a trading name of MCB University Press Ltd.). Robert has extensive experience editing business publications and writing books, white papers and articles about corporate strategy and management tools. His latest books are *The Portable MBA in Strategy*, and *Learning from the Future: Competitive Foresight Scenarios*.

Stuart Sloame recently hosted a picnic dinner under the auspices of the Columbia Club of Washington, D.C., for 38 high school graduates who were planning to attend Columbia this fall, and their parents.

Over Labor Day weekend, Stuart visited with **Brooks Firestone** in California. Brooks, a former state senator, is busy with the winery, brewery and politics. Soon after, Stuart saw **Joel Karp** in New York. Joel practices law in Florida; his son just graduated from NYU Law School and is clerking for a Philadelphia Federal Judge. Stuart continues to practice law in Washington, D.C., and his wife is a Federal trademark judge.

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Thanks to the wonderful world of computer technology, I was able to reconnect old friends **Joe Nozzolio**, employed at AIG, and **John Golembe**. John is at the University of Maryland as part of its European annex and lives in Schwetzinger, Germany. Both request that all brothers from Phi Epsilon Pi contact them. John's e-mail is jgolembe@ed.umuc.edu and Joe is at Joseph.Nozzolio@AIG.com.

Professor **Gerald Sorin** is semi-retired from the history department at SUNY-New Paltz. He had achieved the highest rank in the New York State system, distinguished university professor. Gerry is in the process of writing a biography of Irving Howe.

Philip Stein is director of the American Society for Quality (ASQ). Philip is chief scientist and president of his own firm, P.G. Stein Consultants of Milwaukee.

His focus is on "using information technology for implementing new quality measurement and statistical process control techniques in the manufacturing and service industries." He is a fellow of ASQ, one of the highest honors a member can achieve in the society.

Armando Favazza celebrated his 60th birthday with **Sylvain Fribourg**, who came from Los Angeles to Columbia, Mo., to be with him. Sylvain is still practicing gynecology at Kaiser while Armando is teaching, practicing medicine, lecturing and writing. He was involved in a Discovery Channel production on the evolution of body modification. They had much fun together, especially reminiscing over past issues of the *Jester*, which they helped publish as undergraduates.

We are approaching our 40th reunion and anticipate excellent attendance. Please contact me if you would like to participate in the planning.

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As I write these words, we are reeling from the startling and dramatic

news of the terrorist attack on New York and Washington, D.C., on September 11. I cannot forget Dean Truman's words to us as we graduated in 1963: "Gentlemen! Welcome to the army of the educated. Take up your positions and defend the enterprise of civilization." Although these words were almost politically incorrect, they seem to summarize the events very well. At this point, I pray that the forces of light will triumph over the forces of darkness.

Your thoughts and feelings are welcome.

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I am writing these class notes 15 days after the attack on the World Trade Center. I witnessed the collapse of the South Tower and ran to safety over the Brooklyn Bridge just ahead of the fast-moving cloud of dust and debris that enveloped lower Manhattan.

A few days ago, on Madison Avenue, I met **Gary Schonwald**, who expressed what many of us have thought: These events revive the feelings of that defining moment in our senior year, the assassination of President Kennedy. I pray that all of our classmates and their loved ones are safe. The following notified the College Web site that they are unharmed: **John Cirigliano, Joel Engelstein, Ben Folkman, Beril Lapson, Marshall Meyer, Bob Rivitz, Brian Safer, Joel Schiff** and **Jonathan Weiss.**

I am happy to report that three of us have children in the class of 2005: **Tom Connell** (daughter Phoebe), **Richard Muller** (daughter Belinda) and **Joe O'Donnell** (son Burke).

Jerry Oster writes from Duke that he spent the summer in Hamburg, Germany, as a guest of the city's Culture Board. He wrote a novella commissioned by a local newspaper as well as two columns for the paper's weekend edition. He also is working on a play about a confrontation between a basketball coach and a professor over the performance of a student-athlete at a fictional American university.

Martin Krieger teaches at Southern Cal, has finished a book manuscript on "doing mathematics" and is photographing storefront houses of worship. His son David is 15. "I have lived off my Columbia College general education as much as my training as a physicist," he writes. **Steve Singer** took a gastronomic tour of the south of France, and after his return to New York attended the wedding of Rachel Schiller, daughter of **David Schiller**, chairman of the English Department at the Horace Mann School. David's other daughter, Naomi, is a graduate of the Class of 2000.

Write me. Now more than ever, your classmates want to hear from you.

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I write this shortly after the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, D.C., on September 11. Among a universe of other plans was the scheduled date of our monthly class of 1965 lunch get-together. We New Yorkers exchanged a flurry of e-mails, and I have received other messages of concern and support from classmates far and wide, in the United States and abroad, including **Ken Dewoskin** in Beijing, **Gary Engelberg** in Dakar, **Bob Henn** in San Francisco, **Bob Kronley** in Atlanta and **Jim Murdaugh** in Houston.

Jim Levy of St. Albans, Vt., writes: "Like all Americans, the dastardly terrorist attack on the World Trade Center has traumatized me and probably changed my life forever… The events of September 11 have served as a catalyst to bring out my true feelings about who I am and where my roots lie. I now know that I indeed am a New Yorker for life, a true flatlander forever, and I am damned proud of it. While I enjoy residing in Franklin Country, Vt., and probably will stay here for the rest of my life, ultimately being interred in the family burial plot in Queens, I always will regard myself as a Gothamite in essence.

"From my law firm logo, derived from the Columbia College Fighting Lion mascot, to my addiction to Broadway musical theater, who I am has been defined by the place of my birth, education and adolescence.

"As the poet Wordsworth eloquently stated, 'The Child is the father of the man.' Consistent with my contrarian instincts, my son, a native Vermonter who was raised in St. Albans, graduated from Columbia and then chose to establish his business in Manhattan, where he now resides within a stone's throw (or should I say shrapnel shot) of the City's financial centers. Not surprisingly, 'East Side, West Side, all around the town' has a particular meaning for me that only other New Yorkers can understand and really has nothing to do with getting from High Street to St. Albans Bay.

"As I view surrealistic images on television (are we witnessing the sequel to *Escape From New York* or an even more spectacular remake of *Independence Day*?), I am horrified, saddened and angered simultaneously. I wistfully recall staying at the Millennium Hotel opposite the World Trade Center in 1996, leisurely sipping cocktails in Windows on the World at the top of the Twin Towers while viewing an unrivaled vista of the New York harbor. Now only rubble and innocent lives rest on a site that once constituted the ninth wonder of the world. Feelings of helplessness, inadequacy and frustration overwhelm me. Here I am in the outer provinces, safe in St. Albans living a comfortable life, while my fellow New Yorkers are struggling at Ground Zero to combat terrorism and revitalize the greatest city in the world. Introspection is a powerful tool, which can energize as well as debilitate. Perhaps this is why I have chosen at this time to make my confession of being a New Yorker living in Vermont. Ironically, to paraphrase John F. Kennedy, the events of last week vividly demonstrate that we are all New Yorkers, in the finest tradition of this great country of ours."

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A few days after the attack on the World Trade Center, we received the following from **John Burrows**: "My God, what we have endured this past week! What some of you may not know is that Aaron, my son, is a doctor at St. Vincent's Hospital in New York. (Yes, the same little kid who was on the sailboat during the Cape Hatteras storm in 1988 and played mandolin on the song 'Please' on the CD.) On Wednesday night, he was sent down to what they call Ground Zero to evacuate a 40-story building. When I asked him who was in charge, he replied, 'Me, myself and I, Dad.' From there he went to set up the initial triage in the American Express building as doctor in charge. Last night, Thursday, at 9 p.m., I finally spoke at length with him for only the second time in three days. (One brief exchange, when I accidentally dialed his cell phone Thursday at 6:30, was, 'I'm alive, very busy, call you later, love you.') He said he had set up the triage at Stuyvesant High School and was reconfiguring it to hold more patients in case another building came down. To get drugs and supplies from Chelsea Pier to the school (at West and Chambers Streets), he had to commandeer a police boat as escort, as the streets were closed to all traffic between the pier and the triage center. As he was saying this, another boat pulled in and he had to go to coordinate unloading. He still had his great sense of humor when he said to the captain, 'Is that my Bertram?' (Bertram makes high-priced sport fishing boats.)"

In a lighter vein, John says that he and his band are still performing at the Seafood Festival in Gloucester. "My music is acoustic-based, kick-butt, folk-country and rocky/blues. My reviewers compare it to a synthesis of Gordon Lightfoot/Jimmy Buffet. I play six- and 12-string guitar, banjo, harmonica and pedal steel guitar on our CD, *The Perfect Storm.* I wrote all but one tune, and I sing lead. The band has some of the Northeast's hottest players. The Gloucester appearance was special because the song that titles the album is about the loss of the swordfishing vessel Andrea Gail, a Gloucester boat." John further explains that he began his professional career while in high school and "really blossomed (or was I fertilized?) at Columbia and the Village in the '60s." pks4000@mediaone.net

I ran into **Ed Kabak** on campus in August during first-year orientation. He later wrote: "I have taken a new position as director of legal affairs for the Promotion Marketing Association, a trade association representing the interests of the promotion marketing industry, a $300 billion annual U.S. business. My offices are located on Park Avenue South and 20th Street in Manhattan. Previously, I had been the general counsel for Grolier, the U.S. publishing arm of the Lagardere Group in Paris. My legal expertise cuts across several areas, including media and advertising law, international law, mergers and acquisitions and litigation. I live in Westport, Conn., with my wife, Joanne, a Barnard alumna and published author and journalist, and our two daughters, the oldest of whom is a member of the Class of 2005. I have been published on the Op-Ed page of *The New York Times* and in other periodicals, and have invented several humorous hidden word games that I hope to market. I also hope to continue my writings on madness and civilization. I have traveled extensively in recent years, including throughout Indonesia, Cambodia, Thailand and elsewhere in Southeast Asia as well as in India, Afghanistan and Nepal." ekabak@pmalink.org

I would like to relate a wonderful experience that my wife and I recently had — our participation in the excellent orientation program at Columbia. Nothing even remotely similar existed in our time! We were very impressed by the panel discussions, dean's address, picnic lunch and reception for alumni parents in Low Library. The campus looked better than ever, with buildings cleaned and in good repair and the landscaping in top shape. The dean and the president were

out mingling with the parents (imagine the president in our day out in shirt sleeves greeting parents…). The neighborhood also looked fantastic, with handsome shops and sidewalk cafés on Broadway, and the side streets clean and free of litter and garbage cans. I couldn't help thinking how the experience that today's first years are having differs so much from our own. To any of you who have not been on campus in a while, I strongly urge you to pay a visit. I could not help feeling a sense of envy for our daughter, who is beginning her college career under such circumstances. I even began to muse about a possible problem one generation hence, when the offspring of alumni who have had such a positive college experience flood the admissions office with an exponentially increased number of legacy applications. My wife and I left New York with feelings of tremendous satisfaction and pride in our daughter's decision to choose Columbia, as well as in Columbia's decision to admit her.

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I got mail, e-mail from…

John Grant, who's "in (his) second adolescence...living in Palo Alto, working as theater reviewer for the *Palo Alto Daily News*, taking acting classes, performing in a few low-end independent films. I wrote three short plays (which were) produced in Bay area theaters this year." John's main message was actually a suggestion — to "put together an e-mail chat group for '68 CC … (which) might be interesting … (for) all the people far and wide who don't write alum letters." So if there's any interest, let me know. If so, John can lead the effort. johngrant777@yahoo.com.

Steve Mamikonian has returned to Chicago after a two-year assignment in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, as managing director of gold mining operations for Newmont Mining Company. He had an earlier six-year stay in Russia with Gillette and R.J. Reynolds International. He's still interested in working in that part of the world, so if anyone hears of any opportunities, drop him a line at smamikonian@ameritech.net.

From the home office: **Peter Janovsky** was elected partner in the law firm Zeichner Ellman & Krause, where he's a member of the litigation and bankruptcy group.

Remember the WTC. Stay close to family and friends.

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Earlier this year, I had my secretary compile a volume of my class columns, which now span more than 20 years. In the earliest years, I reported on classmates receiving degrees and obtaining employment. Over time, there was news of promotions and publications, weddings and children and myriad hobbies. We have had happy reports of classmates' children admitted to the College, and in a few sad cases, news of a classmate's premature passing. We are now at the stage where I am sure there are classmates at the height of professional success as well as classmates beginning to inch toward retirement.

Indeed, I received e-mail from **Alan Yorker** — who has over the years been a generous contributor to this column — announcing his semi-retirement and his turn to public advocacy work. Because Alan was the only classmate to send news for this issue and his news is at once interesting and well written, I present Alan's e-mail, only slightly abridged:

"I am taking the liberty of writing to share some news but more honestly to raise interest in my favorite topic. Having finished my tenure as Columbia Club of Atlanta president and semi-retired from my 27-year practice in sex therapy, I am devoting my time to my avocation of passenger rail advocacy. In September 2000, I was elected president of the National Association of Railroad Passengers, a Washington, D.C.-based citizen group working to educate elected officials about the wisdom of developing better passenger rail services in the U.S. I visit the Capitol frequently to talk trains with various members of Congress and their staffs, officiate at inaugural events, and attend state-level meetings on rail service planning. The big push for us this year in Congress is passage of the High Speed Rail Investment Act, a $12 billion bond bill to facilitate state upgrading of rail corridors across the nation to accommodate fast trains (110-125 mph). There is great bipartisan support, and passage would be the start of America's true investment in bringing passenger rail up to first class standards such as seen in Europe and Japan. It's fun to know that two of our classmates [Sen. **Judd Gregg**, R-N.H., and Rep. **Jerry Nadler**, D-N.Y.] will have a say in how this all turns out."

Because I have been writing this column for over 20 years, I am more dependent than ever on news coming to me. E-mail is the best means; please let us know of your personal and professional news.

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Haywood Dotson ran in the Democratic primary but was unsuccessful in his bid for a city council seat in New York City, in a district that encompasses a large strip of Upper Manhattan including a sliver of Morningside Heights.

Jonathan Beard has lived within a mile of Columbia since 1970, with the exception of two years in New Mexico, and visits the campus frequently. He takes advantage of a University program that permits alumni to use the library. He also was introduced to a program through the Alumni Association in which alumni help foreign students cope with language and other difficulties they encounter as students. He is currently working with a Japanese student.

At the last minute, the Ivy basketball schedule was changed and the Penn/Princeton weekend will take place March 1-2. I'm still interested in organizing a class get-together for one of those games. Please let me know if you are interested.

'Til then, keep the faith in these troubled times.

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Vince Rigdon, a priest, lives in Washington, D.C., but was in New York during the attack. "I was on the Metroliner, just out of Newark, N.J., due into Penn Station at 9 a.m. Looked out the window over the Jersey Meadows and saw the WTC on fire. Arrived at Penn Station and walked to my meeting one block from the Empire State Building. We were shortly evacuated from there (ESB was next logical target), but stayed in Manhattan and had our meeting the following day. As close as I ever hope to be to such a tragedy/attack. Left by train the next day. Said Mass for our school children on Thursday; the Gospel for the day was: 'Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you.' Never really knew how hard that was before Tuesday."

I found Vince's entry on the www.college.columbia.edu/alumni Web site, which added a link to a "Checking In" site where alumni could post that they were safe and include comments. (If the site is still there, click "Checking In," click "Search Information," leave name blank, select Columbia College for school, select 1971 for class year.) Among those posting from our class were **Terry Cohen**, **Bob Fuhrman**, **Dick Fuhrman**, **Stan Lehr**, **Arvin Levine**, **David Lindley**, **Carlyle Miller**, **Julio Rivera**, **Eli Rubenstein**, **Alex Sachare**, **Rich Steinman** and **John Yohalem**.

These were all posted by the classmates themselves, except for John's, which was posted by Dave Ricks '72, who noted that John had written a "vivid description." E-mail jyohalem@herodotus.com to get John's report and say hello.

I urge Columbia to expand the concept of "Checking In" to beyond September 11 survivorship, as a way for classmates to connect. *[Editor's note: Plans for a vibrant, interactive "e-community" are taking shape in the Alumni Office and should be unveiled soon.]*

Of my two best friends, one watched from an office window as the second plane hit and towers collapsed. I called to compare notes with the other, who neither works nor lives in New York or D.C., but as it turned out, his last day of work was September 10 and he had booked United Flight 93 Newark-San Francisco (to connect to a vacation destination) on September 12, taking a day to go through personal papers brought home from years of work. On September 11, that flight went down near Shanksville, Pa.

I'm glad the class is safe. Beyond that it is hard to express.

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I write this column just days after the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, events that will probably change our lives in profound but still unforeseeable ways. For any classmates who want to share their experiences of that day, this is one place to do it. The first e-mail in the wake of the attacks came from **Nat Heiner**. "I spent the day watching the Pentagon burn from my office at Coast Guard Headquarters. As chief knowledge officer and CIO(d), September 11 has changed my world of work dramatically. Nothing seems theoretical anymore. Hope all my friends from Carman, John Jay and Furnald are alive and getting through this difficult time. Feel free to write any time to cko@comdt.uscg.mil."

Armen Donelian has received a

College Experience Leads to Life as Author and Amnesty Official

Part of the College's traditional mission is to expose its students to a wide range of academic opportunities and real-world experiences, allowing them to discover their interests and shape their lives accordingly.

Joshua Rubenstein '71 is one example. Not only did his decision to study Russian at the College directly lead to his authorship of three books of Soviet history, but his experience as a stretcher-bearer during the campus demonstrations of 1968 led him to a career at Amnesty International that has lasted more than a quarter-century.

"What I learned at Columbia was that I was a Menshevik," reflects Rubenstein. "I had sympathy with the [demonstrators'] cause, but I parted company with their actions. Carrying a stretcher was the right thing to do."

A native of New Britain, Conn., Rubenstein fondly recalls his academic pursuits at Columbia, especially a seminar with Lionel Trilling '25 and his decision to study Russian.

"I always knew that I wanted to study a foreign language with a different alphabet," he says. "I thought that by learning Russian — no matter what else I studied at Columbia — I would leave with something concrete that I would have for the rest of my life."

Rubenstein did not know at the time, however, how his study of Russian would affect the rest of his life. During a six-week language tour of the Soviet Union in 1970, he met an artist in Leningrad whom he would eventually profile, and it was this piece that convinced the editors at the *Boston Phoenix* to hire him as a book reviewer specializing in Soviet issues.

"At the time," Rubenstein recalls, "there were very few of us reviewing the literature being produced by Soviet writers, especially dissident writers, and that's what led to my first book."

Joshua Rubenstein '71, *in his office at Amnesty International.*

Soviet Dissidents, Their Struggle for Human Right (1980) launched Rubenstein's career as a "professional student of Soviet history" and led him to a position at Harvard's Davis Center for Russian Studies. His follow-up work, *Tangled Loyalties: The Life and Times of Ilya Ehrenberg* (1996), was a widely praised biography of a Stalin-era writer/journalist that took more than 13 years to research and write.

"It took a number of trips to Moscow to complete that book," Rubenstein says. "When I first started working on the book in 1982, I could barely get in the country or get anyone to talk to me, but by the time I made my last trip in 1990, things had relaxed so much that I was asked to give a lecture series!

"I am most proud of that book," he adds, "and its theme, a Jewish topic."

This theme would be repeated in Rubenstein's most recent work, *Stalin's Secret Pogrom: The Postwar Inquisition of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee*, published in May. Rubenstein edited and helped translate the transcript of the secret trial of 15 Jewish intellectuals and authors in Moscow that ended with their execution in August 1952 on what has become known as "The Night of the Murdered Poets."

The subject matter of *Stalin's Secret Pogrom* could not have been more appropriate for Rubenstein: not only is it Soviet history, but it's also a study of the violation of basic human rights, a topic to which he dedicates his professional life as Northeast regional director of Amnesty International, USA.

Rubenstein stresses that his grass-roots organization plays a vital role in combating human-rights abuses domestically as well as globally. "In addition to organizing U.S. citizens to write letters about international issues," he says, "we want to make them aware of issues in our country like police brutality, the treatment of women in prisons and the death penalty."

Rubenstein, who lives in the Boston area with his wife and son, joined Amnesty International in 1975 as a volunteer because he "was interested in politics and it seemed that Amnesty had a balanced and sensible approach to political problems." Today, Rubenstein is one of the organization's two longest-serving employees and is responsible for overseeing the operations of its branches in New England, New York and New Jersey.

"My primary task is to organize Amnesty chapters at local high schools and colleges," he says, "as well as to do some fund-raising and work with the media. I am proud of my contribution and look forward to seeing what comes next."

Jonathan Lemire '01

2001-02 Fulbright Scholar Award, which will support his travel to Armenia next spring to teach jazz for three months at the Yerevan Konitas State Conservatory.

Hope you and all of yours are safe in the aftermath of the tragedy.

Do write. *CCT*'s more frequent publication schedule will enable us to get your news and reflections out to the class on a much more timely basis.

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Not much happenin' — or, certainly, not much correspondence.

Angelo Falcon was recently written up in *The New York Times* for his position as senior policy executive for the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund Institute for Puerto Rican Policy. He describes himself as a "guerrilla researcher" endeavoring to increase Hispanic political clout, although with limited success. His role, as he puts it, is to be a "troublemaker;" he's been at it for 20 years. Now THIS is an occupation to which I, for one, can relate.

A-be-pa-ta-be-pa-to-be, that's all, folks.

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As I pen this column, my heart is heavy with thoughts of the memorial service I went to today for a friend who was at a meeting on top of the World Trade Center that fateful day. Like many who perished, he was a good human being who was very devoted to his family and actively involved in community service.

There was no mortal reason for his death. He had not done harm to the extremists who were his executioner. He had not ignored credible warning of possible danger. He was what has come to be called "collateral damage."

As I watch the tragic scenes on television of the human suffering and physical devastation, it reminds me of the all-too-similar scenes on the nightly news that we all watched together in the dorm lounges. Many of those slaughtered 30 years ago also were good human beings who left suffering families. This time the victims were Americans — three decades ago we were the aggressor. In the end, if not the beginning, the killings and destruction in both instances proved senseless.

Our class has been fortunate in being able to largely sidestep the symmetrical horrors of the two eras. A court decision regarding student deferments saved us from the capricious lottery that would have led many of us to be conscripted into the role of active aggressor. Despite having many classmates who have worked in and around the World Trade Center, the few classmates still there all appear to have escaped without injury. (As many of you know, my office was across the street from the World Trade Center. I'm now in midtown.)

As we sit around our Thanksgiving tables, we should all take a moment to reflect on how fortunate all of us in our class have been. Somewhere near the top of that list should be that, during more than

30 years, we have not been forced to be either the aggressor or the victim of the senseless struggles of political and religious fervor.

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On September 11, I watched in horror as the World Trade Center towers were pierced, burned and crumbled. During my Columbia days, I usually traveled between home and school by bus. Coming back to Columbia, my first glimpse of New York was the twin towers as we rode up the New Jersey Turnpike, and I felt welcomed when I saw them. I really felt I was home as the bus spiraled down into the Lincoln Tunnel, with the view of Manhattan and those wonderful silver towers directly across the river. Like many, I cannot imagine the NYC skyline without those gleaming icons. But what I can imagine even less is a world made darker by terrorist acts, and a world dimmed by the loss of life that occurred on September 11 and the days that followed. As a New York institution, Columbia and its children have extra grief.

Classmates, at times like these, our thoughts must turn to each other; to friends who are still near and to others whom we may not have thought of in years. Please take a few minutes to share a note, an e-mail or a call. Let each other know that you and your families are OK. We know of the loss of one of our classmates, **Rick Aronow**, who worked in the Port Authority Law Department, and our hearts and prayers go out to his family and friends. If you know of other classmates or their families who have been touched by this tragedy, please share that, too, so that we lucky ones can help console those who have suffered. If you share with me, I will pass your messages on.

By the time you read this, some of the pain may have dulled. But as I write this on September 14, my heart has a gaping hole, and that hole feels as large as those missing buildings.

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The most horrific disaster in the history of New York occurred just as this issue of *CCT* was going to press. For those of us who learned to love the city during our time there, no matter where we are now, this is a personal matter. Our hearts are broken. As soon as I know I won't be in the way, I'll be climbing on an Amtrak train for a pilgrimage to the greatest city in the world in its hour of grieving.

Meanwhile, life goes on:

Mark Abbott joined the investment department of Guardian Life in August 2001 as managing director, fixed income analytics and risk management. He lives in Cos Cob, Conn., with wife Christiane, Barnard '80, and daughter Brooke. He enjoyed seeing so many of us at the 25th reunion and was looking forward to attending the WKCR 60th anniversary reception last month.

Mark Stabinski celebrated his first anniversary on July 3 as the warden of all jails in Essex County, N.J. He's also working as a member of a transition team to erect a new $250 million criminal justice complex that's scheduled to open in summer 2002.

I've been promoted from director of the writing center at the University of Delaware to director of writing, with responsibility for not only the writing center but also the entire composition program. My wife, Nancy, and I finally bought a house in this bucolic little college town, just a block from the elementary school where our son Jesse has started first grade.

Last week I received my copy of the new College alumni directory, and as soon as I get the searchable CD version, you'll be hearing from me.

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The destruction of the World Trade Center resulted in the loss of one of our classmates on September 11. **Robert Murach,** a senior vice president for Cantor Fitzgerald, worked at One World Trade Center.

As the *Newark (N.J.) Star-Ledger* reported, Bob devoted much of his energy to his daughters, Madison, 9, and Hayley, 6. Bob, who grew up in Brooklyn and lived in Montclair, N.J., led an active life. He excelled in track in high school and at the College, where he graduated with a degree in economics. He was passionate about golf and scuba diving. He was close to his tight-knit family and relished his relationship with a group of high school friends who were on the same track team that won the city championship. To celebrate the 25th anniversary of that victory in 1999, Bob and his teammates took a rafting trip to the Green River in Utah. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bob's family and friends.

In his role as one of the overseers of the Port Authority of NY/NJ, I certainly hope classmate **James McGreevey** will be one of the Columbia people overseeing the rebuilding of downtown. Barring a major upset, he should be the new Governor-elect of New Jersey by the time you read this.

A classmate who has equaled Jim's renown, not in politics but in literary circles, is author **Don Guttenplan,** who sent an e-mail from England. "Hope this finds you all well. If you find yourself short of copy you are welcome to plug my book, *The Holocaust on Trial*. The two days I spent in New York promoting it in May were the best part of being a published author, surpassing even the considerable pleasure of a rave review in *The New Yorker*. Classmates **Jeff Klein** and **Rick MacArthur** came to the launch party, along with Robert Friedman '69, my old boss and now editor of *Fortune International*, James Sanders '76, Sarah Gold, Barnard '78, and Nanci Fink Levine, Barnard '79, plus former dean (and now professor) Michael Rosenthal. We are still in London, where Maria and I take turns being U.K. bureau chief for *The Nation* and shuttling three kids to three different schools."

Congratulations to Don for his chronicle of the libel case in England challenging the veracity of the Holocaust several years ago. The book has been excerpted in major magazines and seems destined to be a major award winner for its breadth and style.

John C. Ohman is partner at the law firm of Brown, Raysman, Millstein, Felder and Steiner, in the high technology and intellectual property practice. Not just a lawyer but an accountant as well, **Philip J. Vecchio** is now of counsel for the upstate law firm Hiscock & Barclay, focusing on tax litigation and general business work. Phil received training in the law and accounting at Albany Law School of Union University and the University of Albany.

There is little I can add to the thoughts already expressed concerning September 11. There is a touch of tragic irony in that many of us spent time in college working to enable WKCR to move its transmitter from Madison Avenue to the top of the North Tower of the WTC. As that mast began to descend into the cloud of dust, the personal connection with a few precious square feet of metal on the roof added another reason why my heart kept telling my eyes that they could not possibly be seeing what was on the television screen.

I visited Ground Zero with my family a few weeks after the attack on lower Manhattan. The city north of Canal was already bustling and getting back to normal. The gleaming No. 6 train taking us to City Hall station was in sharp contrast to the gritty streets and makeshift barricades everywhere that awaited us.

This event is the defining event to date between our years as students and as adults. Send me your observations and words of wisdom for those who look to us for guidance.

The alumni notes will be coming out six times a year, so I need a lot more material. Please, everyone, e-mail me at least one piece of information a year so I can have more timely info.

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Received the following from **Larry Lubitz**:

"Many people say that after a tragedy such as 9.11.01 we reach out to others we haven't seen in a while. Many who I haven't heard from in a while tracked me down through the grapevine, and I in turn have the urge to come out from under my rock. I have been living in Manhattan since graduation (22 years ago!). I married my high school girlfriend, Rita, and we have two girls, Zoe (12) and Rachael (7). One of Rachael's best friends is Emma from PS6, and Emma's dad teaches at Columbia. This past weekend we dropped Rachael for a playdate on Morningside Drive, then took Zoe around campus to see where her dad went to school for four years. Campus looks great! The new additions since graduation are numerous, yet for the most part the campus still has the same feel as when we were there."

Lubitz, who has worked for Lehman Brothers and Dean Witter, is now an institutional salesman with Merrill Lynch in fixed income. "On 9.11.01 I was working in the World Financial Center, directly across from the World Trade Center. We couldn't believe the sight from our office windows as we tried to figure out what was going on after the first hit. The things we saw were quite horrific. Then the second plane hit. We didn't want to wait for a third event, so that is when we evacuated our building. Now I am in midtown, one of the many displaced workers who were created that day." Classmates can contact Larry at bitz26@aol.com

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You can graduate from Columbia and leave New York City, but the city never leaves you. This was never more true than in the week when our city suffered the worst attack in U.S. history. If you have a story you'd like to share with us, please let me know.

I have a late morning commute that takes me past the Pentagon. On Tuesday, September 11, I was enough behind schedule to be in front of the Pentagon when the airplane struck the building. No one driving by the Pentagon was injured; we just happened to witness the attack on the building and many instantaneous deaths inside. I believe those inside the plane had time to make peace with God, whereas the employees at the Pentagon did not know what hit them.

As for official class notes, **Gordon Feller** now resides (like many Columbians) in northern California. He obtained a master's in international affairs from Columbia, which he has parlayed into a great business advising U.S. and foreign-based clients. He travels to NYC and abroad frequently. Gordon has a wife and a daughter, who has begun college life at Vassar. He can be reached at gordonf20@home.com, and is anxious to renew ties with classmates.

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Having been born and raised in Manhattan, the attack on the WTC was personal for me as it was for all New Yorkers. A good friend from the *Columbian*, Jacques Augustin '84, was killed in the crash of an Air China airplane several years ago. Although I am unaware of knowing anyone who is missing, I am concerned that I may lose another friend. Things that seemed important to me suddenly are not and my priorities have shifted back more to family and friends. It is difficult for anything to follow those thoughts except that it would be great to see more friends at our 20th reunion May 30 through June 2, 2003. If you would like to attend or help in planning the reunion, please contact me.

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I would like to extend my support and prayers to everyone affected by the terrorist attacks. I was traveling to North Carolina when the pilot announced that the plane in front of us had just been hijacked. I will keep you updated about classmates who may have been affected by the tragedy.

I am deeply saddened to report that **Les Nelkin** '87E, '87L passed away on July 20. Les and I met while helping the incoming freshmen move into their dorms. It was my first insight into Les's charitable spirit and marked the beginning of a friendship I will never forget.

Les excelled at the Engineering School and, after his junior year, was the first Engineer to be accepted into a six-year combined program with the Law School. Les practiced law at Skadden Arps and aligned himself with Ken Bialkin, a major Jewish philanthropist. It was the start of Les's expanding involvement with Jewish charities. He later served on executive committees for the young lawyer and Wall Street divisions of UJA.

Les's passion was the stock market. After leaving Skadden, he became an analyst at Furman Selz. His contrarian, value-oriented investment strategy proved to be extremely successful, and Les was soon named managing director. At 35, he had become a superstar in two different careers.

One of Les's most endearing qualities was his unpretentiousness. Les never let anyone know about his myriad achievements. About 2½ years ago Les and his family were at the Jewish National Outreach Program annual dinner. Les's family started the Nelkin Foundation, which contributes to numerous charities.

One month later, Les called me to tell me he had cancer. Les was courageous while battling his cancer. He loved life. He never complained. He just wanted to live as long as possible. The *Wall Street Journal*s piled up in his apartment, but never got thrown out. Les expected to read them. He continued to lift weights throughout his illness.

Les's friends will never forget his endearing laugh, warmth and positive spirit. Our heartfelt condolences also are extended to his parents and his sister, Amy '89, '89L.

Kevin Chapman is now labor counsel at Dow Jones. As many of you may remember, Kevin met his wife, Sharon, when she was a freshman at Barnard. They are avid baseball fans and, every year, take their family to a different major league ballpark. Sharon is doing some freelance writing, including a weekly column for a Web site. Kevin has completed his first novel.

Peter Ripin and his wife live in Ardsley, N.Y., with their daughters, Abigail (2) and Isabelle (one month). Peter is a partner at the Manhattan law firm Davidoff & Malito LLP. Peter helped organize our 15th year reunion, and hopefully will assist us with our 20th.

Eric Wertzer and I reminisced about our mentor and friend, the late Professor Joseph Bauke. Eric still thinks about the great texts Professor Bauke shared with his students. Eric is living on the Upper West Side, close to his Columbia roots. When his knees permit, he can be spotted playing hoops at Columbia's gym.

We haven't heard in years from **Ed Barbini**, **Marcus Brauchli**, **Todd Bressi**, **Maurice Budow**, **Jim Bulgatz**, **David Cantor**, **Sanford Cohen**, **Scott Coleman**, **Kevin Cronin**, **Michael Epstein**, **David Fierstein**, **Robert Fine**, **Peter Fumo** and **John Gambino**.

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An immediate note of condolence to all those who are suffering as a result of the tragic course of events in lower Manhattan, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania on September 11. Particular thanks to classmates **Michael Ackerman** and **El Gray**, Eddy Friedfeld '83 and others who e-mailed their concerns for this writer's family, friends and staff here at JFK airport and in New York.

Belated congratulations to **Peter Schmidt**, whose wife, Jody, gave birth last July to Alexander Jude, their first child. My wife, Dana, and I had the privilege of attending the Schmidt wedding in Allentown, Pa., four years ago. Shortly thereafter, Peter and Jody moved to Pasadena, Calif. Peter is a writer, specializing in plays and beginning work on screenplays, while Jody teaches drama.

Tom Oritt, famed college impresario responsible for the Comedy Cabaret and *Cuts*, an album of songs by campus musicians, lives in Philadelphia with his wife, Jeanine Albano, and daughter, Zoe (4). Tom runs Opposable Thumbs Software Solutions, Inc., and J-Squad, L.L.C. Loved that Cabaret (where *Mad About You* actor Paul Reiser held court) but don't remember that album, Tom, so give us the names of the musicians, and let's do a "Whatever happened to…" column next time around.

Because no other classmates checked in, I'll take a little liberty in writing a personal note to David Rakoff '86 (*CCT*, September 2001), who lived on 14 Jay during my junior year (and his frosh year). *Mazel tov* on your great success on and off Broadway! Your book, *Fraud*, and your radio narrations on *This American Life* are true gems of genius: You were crazy then, and you're crazier now. Keep it up!

To my classmates: please, contact me with news. E-mail couldn't be easier! Now, perhaps more than ever, it's important that friends and classmates keep in touch, reminisce and bond.

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Ben Carroccio is the new CEO and owner of TheSquare.com, an online community for alumni and students from top schools. Ben was one of the earliest investors in TheSquare.com, and Ben's new company, OurSquare, Inc., will now own TheSquare.com. Congratulations go out to Ben!

Jonathan (Jack) Schorsch writes: "After a few years of doing many of the things for which Columbia prepared me (scallop fishing, apartment renovation, operating an elevator, environmental advocacy), I received a Ph.D. in Jewish history from Cal-Berkeley (2000). I am currently teaching at Emory University (Atlanta). My dissertation, *Jews and Blacks in the Mediterranean Worlds, 1450-1800*, will be published by Cambridge University Press sometime soon. I have been living on and off in Jerusalem. I am currently Jewish book editor for *Tikkun* magazine. For the last 10 years, I have been studying/playing capoeira pretty actively, including a trip to Brazil. My wife, Gail (née Cohen), Barnard '86, my college sweetheart, and I have four children: Emanuel (8), Michal (6), Gedalia Lev (4), and Nava Rose Tiferet Sequioa (1½).

"The Columbia people I am in

touch with are Margaret Doyle, Barnard '85, who is living in London, working as an editor and very involved with judicial mediation, married with beautiful daughter Anneliese; and Andy Hsiao '99, who has been doing wonderful things as a writer/editor at the *Village Voice* and now at the *Free Press*. I have been trying to get in contact with **Brooks Tomb** since he and I hung out in Berkeley in 1996. He can reach me at: gjschorsch@hotmail.com."

I spent August traveling around New England and spending time with friends from Columbia: in Connecticut with Andrew Andriuk '89 and his wife and boys, in New Hampshire with Kurt Gantrish '87 (formerly Bekebrede) and his wife and boys, and in Cape Cod with **Lauren Tarshis** and her husband and boys. I also visited with friends from Wharton and the Peace Corps, making for an enjoyable and an intellectually stimulating month. I would like to communicate with Paul Johnson '85E. If anyone reading this column is in contact with Paul, could you please ask him to e-mail me? Please keep writing; your input is what makes this column readable!

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With the pain, horror and anger caused by the World Trade Center attack fresh in my mind, my sympathy and prayers are with classmates and alumni who have suffered a loss in the tragedy. Please e-mail, write or call me with any related news on classmates.

With regret and sadness, I must tell you that our classmate **Seilai Khoo** was among those who perished. Seilai was an executive vice president and portfolio manager at Fred Alger Management, on the 93rd floor of One WTC. Seilai was a rising star, working closely with David Alger as manager of many of the firm's funds. She'd been with Alger since 1989.

With hope for the future, I'll close with congratulations to **You Sung Sang** and his wife, Jennifer, on the birth of their first child, Brendyn Simon Sang, on May 16 in Norwich, CT. Brendyn weighed in at 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

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Early reports from the class picnic in July were sensational, even if, as **Lee Ilan** said, the balloons did float away after 20 minutes! Remember that our 15th class reunion is now less than one year away. Anyone who would like to get involved should get in touch with **Judy Kim** at judy@cat.nyu.edu — it's not too late! And start making travel plans to be in New York for the festivities!!!

A quick addition to the last column's news: **Hannah Jones** reminded me that **Katherine Feldman** was Hannah's witness at her wedding last February. Hannah is married to a biochemist, Stephen Davies, and Kath is a veterinarian working for the Center for Disease Control.

My predecessor, **Rob Wolf,** adds this note about his column-writing days: "I had a great time re-connecting with old friends and acquaintances, and was even able to renew some friendships."

Joy (Chia Yu) Chu is now a research sales assistant for Asian shares/international equities for Goldman Sachs & Co. **Susan Dreyer** has moved to Vermont after teaching and living in New York. She is setting up an alternative high school program in Springfield.

Divya Singh, my former Carman 5 mate, wrote: "Life has been crazy busy over the last few years. I finished my orthopedic surgery residency at UMass, did a one-year hand surgery fellowship at the Philadelphia Hand Center (Thomas Jefferson University), and am about to start a solo private practice in Orthopedics and Hand Surgery in Albany, Ore. I have a house in the middle of the woods, next to great mountain biking, horseback riding and hiking." Before Divya began her practice in October, she took a little break to travel to Thailand, cruise down the Mekong into Laos, Vietnam and Cambodia, and finish up in Bhutan, Nepal and Tibet.

More news from Asia: **Patricia Robinson** has been living in Hong Kong for the past year and a half with her husband and her two sons, P.J. and Christian. She has been working as a management training consultant part time but has just begun to work with the local American Chamber of Commerce Women in Business committee. Patricia also will be working directly with the committee chairperson to address incest and child abuse — "hidden" issues in Hong Kong.

Back in the colonies, **Tom Duval** is living outside Boston, married with a 12-year-old stepson and 10-month-old daughter. He works in technical publications at Avaya and his wife is working at Harvard. He writes: "Over the past almost 15 years, I've continued to write and play music; I've been on albums by Jack Hardy, Lillie Palmer, Judith Zweiman, blues band Fatwall Jack, and others, and I have probably forgotten more gigs than most people play in their musical lives. I still play in greater Boston with a blues/rock trio featuring Joe Musella, guitar professor at Berklee College of Music, and write and record in my home studio."

Jane Bolgatz has moved back to NYC after 10 years in Iowa City, Iowa. She's as an assistant professor of education at Fordham.

Dick Dawson and his wife, **Kate Tkach**, live with their son, Andrew (5), in Westwood, Mass. Dick is now head soccer coach at Simmons College after dropping out of the corporate world following 10-plus years at Oracle and three start-ups. Kate is the head of the EMG Lab at Massachusetts General Hospital, and a clinical professor of Neurology at Harvard Medical School. Andrew is in kindergarten.

James M. McKnight is now partner in the business and finance section of the law firm of Mintz Levin Cohn Ferris Glovsky and Popeo PC in its NYC office. **Dan Botich** completed a master's in public administration from Indiana in June. His highlight of graduation was shaking the hand of Indiana President Miles Brand, the man who fired Bobby Knight.

Having left Whiting, Ind., as its past director of planning, Dan now works for Crowe Chizek and Co., a top 10 accounting firm based in South Bend, Ind., out of its Merrillville, Ind., office. He is an engagement manger in the firm's state and local government group. Dan said that Crowe Chizek is giving him with the opportunity to work with municipal and county finance while providing general consulting to communities and developers in economic development.

Dan, his wife, Lisa, and their daughter, Sophiana (2), moved to Crown Point, Ind., and are in the process of renovating their 106-year-old Victorian Queen Anne home. "One project leads to 10 more," he says, "but the results will be rewarding. Lisa and I are expecting our second child in March 2002. We are hoping the home will be fully renovated and completed for the family to enjoy the full summer with no projects."

Thomas Gregory King finished an M.S. in computer science in 1997 and develops systems that track fleets of trucks via the global positioning system (satellites). He lives and works in Princeton, N.J. Tom has an 11-year-old son who likes acting and recently played Perchik in *Fiddler on the Roof.* Tom initially (1989-95) sold pesticides and is continuing his research on urban ecology. "I find that many people make massive conclusions about urban ecology from very limited data," he said. "So I collect data, and make a small contribution with each paper I publish. I enjoy doing the field work, as well as the satisfaction of making a contribution." Somehow, Tom has found time to travel, most recently to Israel, Greece and Italy.

Deena Ackerman and her husband, Chris Adams, have both completed Ph.D.s in economics from Wisconsin. "Just to make the Ph.D. a bigger challenge, we had a son 18 months ago," she says. They are living in Arlington, Va.

Lance Hosey sent news from Charlottesville, Va. "I'm an architect (old news), and over the past year I've won an award of excellence from the American Institute of Architects, as well as a grant from the Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts to support travel in Spain, which I plan to do next spring."

Josh Prober reports: "My wife, Melissa, and I are proud to announce the birth of our daughter, Eliana Rose Prober, on December 11, 2000."

Descartes Li and Leah Karliner '89 had a boy on March 14, 2001. His name is Isaac Wei-Xiao Karliner-Li, and he has been very much welcomed by his older sister, Pearl. The family is living in San Francisco where Descartes is a psychiatrist and Leah is an internist.

That's all for now from this side of the pond. Please keep sending me e-mails and let me know what you are doing and what our classmates are doing. I'm eager to know — enquiring minds, you know!

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First of all, let me thank each and every one you who have so bravely picked up the gauntlet thrown down by yours truly. Your letters informing me about our classmates' rumblings, grumblings and stumblings have made my job easier, my smiles brighter and my nostalgia deeper. From **Dave** (the Slave) **Putelo** to **Maria Roglieri**, from **Willie Williams** to **Claudia Rimerman** (née **Kraut**), from **John Bassett** to the prolific **Debbie Schenfeld**…I thank you all.

And relate all your wonderful stories and warm wishes, I will. Just not today.

Because today is dedicated to **Mike Bissinger**.

Biss was a scrawny kid from Jersey.

He came from a tight-knit family, tough men and women who took care of their own.

He came from a place where family mattered.

Biss got into Columbia much like myself, which is to say by the hair of his chinny-chin-chin because he played football.

He was part of a band of brothers, 11 men minus one, that would remain spiritually connected over the distances of time, space, shared and unshared moments. Clear in their hearts about the commitment of each one to the others.

Once again, a family.

Biss went to law school.

Although this time not by any breadth of facial hair, but rather with the knowledge of applied desire, hard work and persistence.

He went into practice.

Cantankerous, brawling, competitive as ever.

It is work that he likes, roll up your sleeves and get dirty-type work.

He has made something of a name for himself among the judges and trial lawyers in northern Jersey.

Some call it collegial.

I call it familial.

Biss married his college sweetheart, Kritin Friedholm '90, captain of our women's soccer team.

For his birthday during senior year, she bought him a CD player.

I made him buy me a beer that very same night.

He did so uncomplainingly, if somewhat drunkenly.

Hey, it was family.

Biss with Kristin. Now it would be his own family. The branch of a tree, which started with him and her.

Their life, if not a fairy tale, is most assuredly blessed.

They just welcomed a daughter into the world.

The family had grown.

The next day Biss' father died.

Family.

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The following column contains reflections — thoughts and feelings — from classmates and myself during the week ending September 16, 2001.

Lisa Landau: "While a week has passed, I remain in shock. I can't believe those planes crashed into the World Trade Center (and Pentagon and Pennsylvania field). I can't believe the Twin Towers are gone; even after I observed the plane hit from a neighboring building in the World Financial Center (about a block away), I never thought those buildings would collapse. I can't believe so many lives could be lost and so many families devastated in just moments. I can't believe those attackers could pull off that plan on four planes at once. I can't believe we have an enemy/enemies who don't even value their own lives…

"We are all so very sad. We all lost a friend, colleague, neighbor, client or family member. There are so many stories … nearly 40 families in one New Jersey town … almost more than we can bear.

"One good thing has come out of this: I am amazed by my fellow New Yorkers and people across the country. Not just the heroic acts of rescue workers and other volunteers, but kindness at every turn … a gentle civility. No one is honking their horn if they don't like my driving. The guy at the deli is handing out food. Everyone wants to help. People ask each other how they are doing and pause to listen. The sense of community is profound.

"And thank you to all of my Columbia friends — from Boston to Houston and L.A., we appreciate your calls and e-mails. Thank you for sharing your concern, your prayers and positive vibes, even calls from folks I haven't spoken to in years. It means a lot."

Dave Kooby: "This past week's tragedy obviously affects all Americans, especially those who lost friends and loved ones, followed by those who lost homes, property and businesses. As New Yorkers (and for those in D.C.), the damage to our city probably stirs feelings that are not as developed for those living in other parts of the country, as this occurred in our backyard.

"I am glad that I returned to New York before it happened. I feel as if I needed to be here. I was operating when the events occurred, and worked hard to maintain focus on the patient in front of me. At that moment, he was the only person that mattered. I thought and hoped that my hospital would be transformed to a makeshift trauma center in the coming hours, but to our dismay, the patients never came.

"All my training was useless in this situation, as the terrorists did such a complete job, and that made me feel helpless. I know many health care workers felt the same. I know this is naive, but can't we all be friends? I hope this message finds our classmates well."

Peter Schnur: "I, like most others, spent most of the day Tuesday glued to the television and trying to contact everyone I knew who worked downtown, while my family and friends outside frantically tried to reach me to make sure I was safe and nowhere near the downtown area.

"I work in the Chrysler Building (42nd and Lexington), which was evacuated at 10 a.m. on Tuesday morning. I ended up walking home (extremely quickly) the 40 blocks to my apartment on 82nd and Third with all the rest of the evacuated people from midtown offices. It was so strange seeing that many people, either silent or with their heads down, most of them crying, all walking uptown (some headed for as far as the Bronx, because there was no public transportation) and pausing every once in a while to look backwards in disbelief at the huge black smoke cloud behind us.

"We were open for business on Wednesday, but I worked from home that day and came back in yesterday. It's hard to concentrate on work at a time like this.

"I hope all of your friends and families are safe. My heart and prayers go out to all of those people who have not been so fortunate and have lost friends and relatives."

Stephanie Falcone Bernik: "I was called to the St. Vincent's ER as part of their disaster plan, as I work at the Cancer Center. Everything was very well orchestrated and there was an overflow of doctors. In the first hours there was a steady flow of people with smoke inhalation injuries, patients with significant burns, some dead on arrival, and a few victims who required some surgical intervention.

"One of the patients I was taking care of with a large laceration on his head and abdominal pain was from the 84th floor of the north tower. That gave me hope that there would be more and that maybe even people from the higher floors had gotten out. But then the flow of patients came to a halt. I headed to Chelsea Piers where a triage center had been set up to help with the victims. There were more than 60 stretchers set up to deal with the critical patients. No one came. They were all dead beneath the rubble.

"I have always loved New York, but this trauma has shown me a new side of the citizens of this great city. As the crew from the cancer center headed to Chelsea Piers, everyone we passed in the streets asked how they could help, where could they donate blood, where they could volunteer their services. People have pulled together in this tragedy and shown that no one can kill their spirit."

Donna (Herlinsky) MacPhee: "I hope your family and close friends are OK. I happened to be on a plane to Las Vegas from Newark airport when the planes crashed. They took us off the plane and we could see the WTC crumble from the airport terminal. It was unbelievable. I just wonder what could have happened if we took off. I sit and pray for those families who are missing someone. This tragedy has affected everyone. Stay safe! Our world has changed."

Rob Kresberg: "The Columbia campus seemed in disbelief immediately after the events of September 11. People and cars were flocking north on roadways, and the whole episode seemed surreal. Calls and e-mails from parents streamed in to my office [Rob is the women's varsity tennis coach at Columbia], and as much as I try to convince families that their children will be taken care of, there is apprehension in their voices. The initial decision to play athletics contests over the [first] weekend was met with controversy, and ultimately, the change of heart not to compete sat better with most. A week after, there still remains shock, confusion and anger. The Columbia campus, like the rest of the country, will need time to get back to the regular day-to-day routines."

Amy Perkel: "Oh, how I loved the skyline of New York City. I remember my first visit to New York, and it had absolutely nothing to do with the skyline. I was in Queens playing a junior tennis tournament around the country. In our free time, I was so nervous walking around the streets of New York with my mom. In contrast, as a visiting high school senior, I glided along the cobblestone of the Columbia campus on a crisp, cool fall day, not even remembering my earlier fear. I was excited, enthusiastic, and ecstatic with the hope of attending Columbia. Back at home, even after acceptance, time crawled. *When* would I ever get to Columbia? *Would* I ever get to Columbia? I ached for Columbia, and New York. And then I arrived, and loved every minute of it.

"Much of what I loved most was the awe-inspiring buildings. Post graduation, I loved living on the East Side in midtown. I loved that I was able to walk right past the 'lipstick' building and through the indelible Citibank building to get to my subway, which ushered me to my job in Soho. And indeed, I loved seeing the New York skyline. It didn't matter when I saw it. I would be returning from tennis practice in New Jersey, driving across the George Washington Bridge, and there it was. My favorite glimpse, really, was when I returned to New York after an extended absence. The skyline caught my breath; it quickened my heartbeat; it filled me with passion — a blended sensation of excitement, tranquility, and hope… for everything and really nothing specific at all.

"At the same time, it was

impossible for me, as well as many of us, to escape the lure of the financial markets of New York. I had become transfixed by the energy of Wall Street through upper classmen, alumni, and *The Wall Street Journal*. My first job out of college was with a Japanese bank in Tokyo. While awaiting the work visa, I spent a number of weeks working out of their New York office, located in the World Trade Center. It was a little worn down, particularly in contrast to the newer World Financial Center across the way. But we loved its underground world of subway lines and its revolving doors, where we ran into classmates (high school, even) we hadn't seen in years. Goodness help you — and your heels — if you didn't keep pace with the sea of corporate soldiers marching to their destinations, where they had bonds to trade, stocks to sell and contracts to settle.

"I mourn the loss of the World Trade Center. I mourn the loss of our skyline. I mourn the loss of industry, including all business that has come to a halt and will be stalled and stagnant for quite some time. I mourn the loss of people — those in flight, those at work, and those courageous enough to arrive on the scene to help and then help some more. I praise the strength of our leaders.

"To those of you that are most deeply affected, I'd like to offer strength for recovery. To the rest of us, I wish us the ability to regain our mental well being as quickly as possible."

If you have reflections you'd like to share in this forum, please send them along.

On an upbeat note, I'd like to congratulate **Lee Feldman** (and his parents, Jackie and Stanley, the most loyal of Columbia supporters) on his three (!) new nephews — Zachary, Harry, and Alex — bright lights during these dark days. Philippa (Feldman) Portnoy, Barnard '86, Lee's sister, gave birth to them on September 14. Congratulations, Philly.

Soft Landings

College students fretting over their choice of a major may be inspired by the story of **Meredith Norton '92**, who, after nearly a decade out of school, has decided to pursue her childhood dream of becoming an astronaut.

It's a long and improbable path. "A lot of people apply and like nobody gets in," Norton says of the training program. "But for me, it's the process."

Her career as a teacher and entrepreneur already has been an unlikely process. After working in documentary filmmaking in New York following graduation, Norton moved to Oakland, Calif., and started teaching history in a public junior high school. At the same time, she and a friend began making high-end silk pillows and blankets for themselves and as gifts. "Everyone wanted them; stores wanted them!" Norton says. "So we got a pattern-maker, a warehouse base and started going to trade shows." Teaching school the whole time, Norton ran the silk bedding company with her friend for three years. With four other employees, they sold more than 100 products wholesale to catalogues and to 250 stores nationwide.

Was the pillow company about "building a better mousetrap," as the saying goes? Actually, yes. "We had a mouse problem," Norton admits. It started with glimpses of gray fur darting by. Then they noticed holes chewed through entire bolts of silk fabric.

"It was two months of fighting mice. When it first started, we were screaming and jumping up on the pattern table. By the end, we'd just put on our rubber gloves and go after them. We didn't want to kill them, so we tried to catch them and drive them out to the country," she says, for which Norton devised her own mousetrap involving a bucket, bait and towel. ("I should patent that," she says.) They realized what wide-ranging appeal their products had when they discovered a mouse nest adorned with silk scraps in rainbow colors, sequins, and dried rose petals harvested from a bouquet on Norton's desk.

Eventually, "the usual partnership problems started," Norton says, and they put the pillows aside. Shortly afterward, Norton was leading her eighth grade class through a goal-setting exercise. "The kids had these goals like 'I want to be a secretary,' so I was helping them map out higher goals," she says. But when the kids asked Norton what she wanted to be and she said an astronaut, they asked, 'Then why aren't you an astronaut?'

Meredith Norton '92 hopes to make a giant leap — into outer space.

"I didn't have a good reason. There was no reason I hadn't tried to do it," she says.

So her students inspired her to go back to school and try for astronauthood. Norton is now halfway through a post-bac program that will prepare her for a Ph.D. in aerospace engineering or robotics and control systems. With that, she says, she will apply to the astronaut training program. The program receives several thousand applications for just 23 spots every two years, so Norton has a back-up plan: to return to teaching, this time as a high school science teacher. Even though she would be qualified to teach on the college level, Norton says, "I think you have a much greater impact on high school kids."

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Norton and her pillow company partner, Rebecca Whittaker, with some of their creations.

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July 14 saw a handful of our classmates celebrate the wedding of **Dan Sackrowitz** and Rachel Adler, a second-year medical student at NYU. I had a good time catching up with **Colin Campbell** and wife Carolyn Moehling, **Pete Neisuler, Eric Yu** and wife Linda, **Steve Winick, Joel Tranter, Judy Shampanier** and husband Mike Bowen, **Anita Bose, Soterios Johnson**, as well as three Barnard '91 alumnae, Laney Kuhn, Bina Kalola and Sam Puathasnanon. Dan and Rachel honeymooned for two weeks in Italy, hitting Capri and the Amalfi coast. Dan says it's the first time he's traveled with a suitcase instead of a backpack.

Of the gang in attendance, the one willing to share is **Steve Winick**, who married Wendy Haugh on August 5 in Shelburne, Vt. Wendy is a Williams grad and an anthropology grad student at Penn. Steve is the folk arts program director at the Walt Whitman Cultural Arts Center in Camden, N.J. He schedules concerts with folk and world musicians, creates exhibits for the gallery, and maintains an archive of southern New Jersey folklore. He also teaches folklore classes at Penn and is a contributing editor at *Dirty Linen*, the magazine of Folk and World Music, and a frequent contributor to music publications such as *The All Music Guide*, *Music Hound Folk* and *Baker's Dictionary of Music*, writing about folk music from Europe and the Americas. Steve earned his masters from Penn in 1992 and his Ph.D. in 1998, both in

folklore and folklife.

Claudine Wolas wrote from Los Angeles. "Ever since finishing at Columbia I've been pursuing a two-career track: art and business. I recently completed my M.B.A. at USC in information technology and marketing while working for several Internet start-ups. Today, while I hunt for that great full-time job, I am doing business development for several companies. I continue to pursue a career in art selling my photographs privately and through art dealers. My photographs have appeared in movies and on TV shows. Recently, I was in an art show at a well-known gallery, Bliss, where I premiered new three dimensional work incorporating photographs and mirrors. Keep an eye out for my new Web site, www.lovethat.com. If you need something photographed or see something you like for your home, office, or as a gift, e-mail me at my permanent e-mail address: claudine@lovethat.com."

In the Kitchen Saga update, **Isaac-Daniel Astrachan** has drawn up initial plans for **Judy Shampanier**'s new kitchen. Stay tuned to see if she approves his ideas on the first try. In Isaac's other full-time job, he's been remodeling a Sheraton in Boston, providing the chance to pop in on **Mike** and Susie **Cashton**. Isaac also reports that **Robert** and Abigail **Gross** have recently been blessed with twin boys, bringing their total to three sons. They live in Allentown, Pa.

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So much has been written about the awful events of September 11 that I don't think it would be appropriate for me to weigh in here with my own thoughts and reflections. I just hope everyone out there — in our class and everywhere else — is all right. For those of you who have directly suffered or are having trouble soldiering on, I salute you.

Understandably, the mail bag wasn't bulging because the issue came out in September, but I would urge everyone to please e-mail me. This is an important time to stay in touch and a good time to send me something if you haven't before.

I knew **Damian Hey** through mutual friends when we were little boys in upstate New York, and then he moved away before we could became friends. But we became reacquainted at Columbia as fellow freshmen in 1987. Damian sent in a nice e-mail, saying he was sorry he missed the reunion but that he was busy getting married that weekend "to a beautiful woman named Melanie" whose family lives near me in the Rockaways. After Damian graduated, he got a Ph.D. in comparative literature from Stony Brook ('96). Damian, now an assistant professor of media studies at Hofstra, and Melanie live in South Hempstead on Long Island.

Margie Kim gets the MVP award this issue because without her, the column would be painfully skinny. She sent in the following info: she and her husband, Dean, bought a home in McLean, Va., last year. Their daughters, Christa and Nicole, celebrated their first birthday in September. Margie is still working at the Air Transport Association in D.C., where she regularly sees **Bob Cooper**. Bob, who is with Arnold & Porter, lives in Bethesda, Md., with his wife Debby Williams Cooper, Barnard '94.

Elise Scheck gave birth to a third son, David, on July 25. Elise and her husband, Gil, live in Miami and moved into their new home at the end of September with their children, Joshua, Keith and David.

Julie Levy and her husband, Matt, are still in Manhattan. They recently moved into a bigger apartment where their daughter, Katie, has more room for her toys! Julie continues to work at Simpson Thacher.

Tara Kreidman Steinberg and her husband, Mark, are still working at IMG in Cleveland. Tara is Tiger Woods' marketing manager and Mark is his agent. They both travel the globe regularly with Tiger. (No requests for autographs, please.) Their daughter, Jessica, celebrated her first birthday in September.

Beth Shubin Stein began a fellowship in orthopedic sports medicine at The Hospital for Special Surgery this year. She will be there through the summer of 2002. Her brother, **Ken Shubin Stein**, is running a hedge fund at Long Shore LLC, in Manhattan.

Jodi Williams and her husband, **Scott Bienenfeld**, will be celebrating their first anniversary on December 31. They are living in Manhattan, where Jodi is still a producer at the *Today Show*.

Ann Giarratano and her husband, Chris Della Pietra '89, are doing well. Their daughter, Kate, celebrated her first birthday earlier this year and she keeps them very busy. Ann works at Lehman Brothers and was in the office when the September 11 attacks occurred. She was unharmed.

Melanie Seidner took a leave of absence from her marketing position at The Gap and is spending some more time at home with her son, Oscar. Melanie and her husband, Jeff, live near San Francisco and are expecting their second child in December.

Thank you, Margie and Damian. Everyone else, please send something in. Take care. Cheers.

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If only every letter was like that from first-time correspondent **Jennifer MikoLevine**!

After graduating Columbia, Jennifer "fled" New York with two girl friends and settled (temporarily) in Santa Fe, N.M. Moves to Puebla, Mexico (where she was an ESL teacher and newspaper photographer), and Boston followed. In 1996, she traveled to Southern California to begin graduate studies at the Brooks Institute of Photography, and she also began work as a volunteer at the Santa Barbara Rape Crisis Center. This became a full-time career — Jennifer left her studies at Brooks to become SBRCC's Training Coordinator for 3½ years. This work ultimately inspired her to attend Loyola Law School in Los Angeles as a public interest scholar.

Jennifer met her husband, architect Alex MikoLevine, in Santa Barbara in 1998. The two were engaged in 1999 as the sun rose over Machu Pichu on the Inca Trail in Peru. They were married in Santa Barbara in June 2000 and subsequently honeymooned in China and Tibet. Those '92ers at the wedding included **Jake Martin** and **Jasmine Benyamin**. Stephanie Doyle, Thalassa Curtis, Alexandra Besser (nee Gilmore) and Tina Andreadis — all Barnard '92 — also were in attendance.

Jennifer reported that Jasmine attended architecture school at Yale from 1993-96 and subsequently worked at small design firms for three years. She is currently a Ph.D candidate in architecture at Princeton, with plans to teach, write and curate.

Jennifer also wrote that **Jordan Davis** married Anna Malmude, Barnard '92, in Woods Hole, Mass. in 1997. Their son, James Malmude Davis, was born November 23, 2000. According to Jennifer, Jordan edits the Web site at TIAA-CREF and is a poet. Anna teaches English Literature at Hunter College.

A thought for the rest of you. The September 2001 issue of *CCT* contains a spectacular picture from the 10th reunion of the Class of '91 — a great turnout and lots of smiling faces. My challenge for all of you is to get so many of us to attend our 10th reunion (scarily just a few months away now), that we have an even better picture running in *CCT* in September 2002. In the meantime, keep the mail coming. Especially if it has lots of news in it. Beats the heck out of bills…

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First, if you have tried unsuccessfully to send email to mec9@columbia.edu, please resend to elenacabral@yahoo.com. I apologize that mec9 was down. As I write this I am in the process of setting it back up.

I had planned to fill this column with wonderful news of new jobs and marriages and births. The events of September 11 changed everything, and I find myself, for now at least, unable to write about those milestones when there is still so much uncertainty in the rubble of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, and Pennsylvania. I do plan to share all of the news you sent in a future column, and I hope you will continue to mail whatever news from your lives you'd like to share.

Like many of you, I watched the horror in New York unfold from somewhere else, and like a lot of you I could never shake that dull ache that stayed with me day after day. Apart from the sheer human loss of those attacks, the people who took out those two buildings seemed to take a piece of all of us who spent a crucial part of our lives in that remarkable city. It's the kind of place you go to when you're 18 — like I was in September of 1989 — and never come back the same. It's the kind of place where you meet friends that change you and stay with you forever, if only in a memory of your youth. It's where most of us abandoned those things we thought we knew when we were growing up and learned to care about things and people we didn't know existed. Being on the streets of that city taught me more about the world than I ever learned in a classroom. And when something happened in the world, whether it was rioting in some other city or a war thousands of miles away, that's where many of you pulled together and sometimes took to the streets yourselves, hoping to make a difference. New York is where we searched for that first real job, and perhaps the second and the third, until we knew what we wanted to do with our lives. It's where a lot

of us met the people we plan to spend the rest of our lives with. No matter where you're from, or where you go when you leave New York, it stays your home.

I pray that all of you receive only good news in the days and months to come.

Please keep writing. God bless.

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As I write this, just a couple of weeks after the tragedies of September 11, it seems a little odd to write about the lives of our classmates with any degree of normalcy. But at the same time, I'm realizing that just as my first instinct after that horrible morning was to reconnect with friends and family, it's important that we classmates stay connected with each other. Anything that creates that bond between us as humans now seems more important than ever.

It is with great sadness that I have to report that our classmate, **Brian Williams**, was lost in the World Trade Center, where he worked for Cantor Fitzgerald. Those who wrote me about him described him as a "great guy, friendly disposition," and "a wonderful person." **Anne Kornblut** tells me that his parents are starting a memorial fund through his high school in Kentucky, in honor of Brian and his brother Kenny, who died in an accident while we were in college. Anyone who wishes to contribute can write to: The Kenny and Brian Williams Fund, c/o Covington Catholic High School, 1600 Dixie Highway, Park Hills, KY 41011.

Also, Anne says Brian's parents would love to hear any funny or meaningful anecdotes about their son. Here is their address, if you'd like to contact them: Mr. & Mrs. Ken Williams, 3116 Lindsey Dr., Edgewood, KY 41017. Thanks Anne, for passing that information along.

Chris Schmidt, a police officer in the Bronx, was in downtown Manhattan the morning of September 11 and emerged from the subway as the second tower was falling. He worked at Ground Zero for several days and nights after the attacks.

Most of the following notes were received prior to the attacks, so I hope they are still relevant.

Amanda Falick Ascher dropped me a note explaining that while **Chris Schmidt** was correct that she is finishing up her residency at NYU/Bellevue, she is focusing on internal medicine, not OB/GYN. Amanda and her husband, Craig Ascher, a lawyer, are planning to take the next year off to volunteer in Honduras for six months and then to travel before settling down in New York. Amanda writes that **Eva Flores** and **Lydia Kang** also are finishing up their residencies at NYU, and **Phil Greenspan** is finishing his internal medicine residency at Montefiore Hospital in the Bronx. Thanks for the update, Amanda, and many apologies for the previous error.

1996 Reunion Class photo, take two: While rain limited the number of people who showed up for the official photo (CCT, September 2001), there was a much better turnout for this indoor picture.
PHOTO: ADLAR GARCIA '95

Also on the medical front, **Lisa Kessler** graduated from medical school at San Francisco in June 2000, then took a year off to get involved in international health. She plans to begin a residency in emergency medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital/Brigham and Women's Hospital.

Danicia Ambron is living in New York with her husband, Rob Beers, and as of February is also the happy mom of Ginger Alexandra Beers ("Yes, I know her name is Ginger Beers!" she quips). Danicia owns and runs The Prana Studio, a midtown yoga studio; she can be reached at danicia@thepranastudio.com and invites classmates to drop by for a class.

Melissa Feldman and her husband, Ariel Nelson '94E, welcomed their second child, Molly Rebecca Nelson, on May 18. The addition follows big brother Jacob (3). Melissa graduated with an M.B.A. from Wharton this year, but missed her commencement because she was in the hospital giving birth. Melissa plans to work as a marketing manager at Kraft Foods.

While in Philadelphia, Melissa spent some time with **Sarah Sheffer**, who has started a greeting card business called doc milo. Sarah's cards — which she designs, manufactures and markets herself — can be found all over the country. **Shari Ness** is practicing law with the firm Morgan Lewis, and **Jen Brodie** has written a book and is on the lecture circuit as a motivational speaker (she's also run several marathons this year and spent some time in New Zealand). Over the summer, **Ayanna (Parish) Thompson** made quite the cross-country move, from Boston to Santa Fe. After getting her Ph.D. in English literature from Harvard, Ayanna took a position as Shakespeare professor at New Mexico. Her husband, Derek, plans to join a small private practice of internists in Santa Fe.

Jane Lee attended the wedding of Innessa Manning, Barnard '94, and **Karthik Ramanathan** on June 30 in Newton, Mass. They met at Columbia and have been together ever since. After having lived in London, they are now back in NYC — Innessa is responsible for business development at *The Daily Deal* and Karthik is at Goldman Sachs, where he has been since graduation, working in investment banking and currency trading. Other guests at the wedding included Sonia Kim, Barnard '94, as well as Gargi (Banerjee) '93 and Mike Jenkins '93, who also were recently married.

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Jen Ross delivers babies and can add M.D. to her name. She graduated from Cornell Medical School in the spring, and is an OB/GYN resident at New York Hospital.

Dan Barash works for Pearl Industries, a New York-based internet company that outsources the production of fashion accessories. The company (www.pearlindustries.com) uses technology to streamline the product development supply chain. Dan, who has an MBA from Harvard, heads operations in the U.S. **Axel Martinez** works for Merrill Lynch in New York and jet sets to places like Miami and Kansas City. (I ran into Dan at the wedding of Dr. Phil Greenspan '94 and Monique Lions, a good friend of mine.)

Also in New York is **Arthur Kim**, who is working at Liberty Capital Partners, a New York private equity firm. He married Christine Ku last year and has a son, Ethan Myles Kim. (His e-mail is akim@libertypartners.com.) After finishing business school at NYU, **Shigenori Nakamura** is an associate at SG Cowen in the private placements department.

Dan Cooper is still living in California, but has switched law firms. He is now practicing in the intellectual property and technology department in the Century City office of Arnold & Porter.

Finally, it's been a busy year for me here in Atlanta. After five years as a metro reporter, I moved across the newsroom to the business desk at the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*. My new beat is Atlanta's sprawl, and I'll be writing about trends in the region's growth. I spent the summer working with a team of three other reporters on a five-part series about the boom and bust of the technology industry. I also wrote about an interesting trip to Minsk in the former Soviet Union, where I led Passover Seders last spring. And I spent a great week in Paris this summer with Melissa Kagnoff '96, who started medical school at the UC-San Diego.

Keep the news coming!

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Only a bit of news to report this time, after an all too short but restful summer. On a recent evening in the West Village, I was happily surprised to run into **Sala Patterson**, who is working as an associ-

ate editor for *Condé Nast Traveler*. **Leila Kazemi** has returned to Columbia to get her Ph.D. in political science, and **Melissa Gajarsa**, who recently got engaged, is beginning a master's program at NYU. Congratulations on your engagement, Melissa!

Unfortunately that's the only news I have for you — now that *CCT* is publishing six issues per year, it is especially important that you keep the news flowing! But even more importantly, remember this: "It is better to be hated for what you are, than loved for what you are not." — Andre Gide

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Jessica Burlingame started at the Business School after an eventful three-week trip to Mexico to learn yet another romance language. **Meredith Safran** is joining **Nick Rynearson** in Princeton's Ph.D. program in classics. **Hamilton Boardman** quit his job at women.com and will be traveling in Asia and then South Africa this fall. **Shivali Shah** won an award from the Duke women's studies department for her work with KIRAN, an organization she co-founded that provides domestic violence and crisis services for South Asian women in North Carolina. In addition to pursuing her ceritficate in women's studies while attending Duke Law School, Shivali was married in April. **Raji Kalra** started the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins. During one of her many trips to NYC, Raji put together a Carman 11 mini-reunion — reuniting me, her and **Rob Quatrone,** who's enjoying life in NYC.

Mike Pignatello has moved to Chicago and is pursuing a marketing career focused on China. **Orli Shaham** debuted at Avery Fisher Hall this past May. The concert was the end of a tour with her brother, Gil Shaham '93. Orli on piano and Gil on violin wowed *The New York Times,* which gave them a strong review. **Rachel Goldenberg** and Jim Talbott '98 were married August 12 at Hebrew Union College in New York. Rachel is in her fourth year of rabbinical school and Jim works as the production manager for the Frommer's Web site. At the wedding, **Maggie Osdoby-Katz** enjoyed chatting with **Sarah Benor** and **Mark (Bunin) Benor**. Sarah is continuing her studies in linguistics at Stanford, while Mark is surviving Hahnaman Medical School in Philadelphia. Maggie is back in NYC after several years in the Republic of Georgia. Also at the wedding was **Sharon Gourdji**, who's living in Queens and working in computers.

Robert Cole is living in Manhattan and doing marketing research in Connecticut. **Hannah Trooboff** and Brian McCollum '97E are engaged. **Matt Morningstar** took the New York bar exam and is back in NYC. **Rickie Sonpal** is back in NYC having completed a year at Cambridge studying linguistics and is starting his first year of law school at Fordham. **Hans Chen** has left Vault.com and also will be at Fordham Law School this fall.

Nathaniel Bryant Mayfield was married to Ulrike Melanie Steck of Germany, in Rödersheim-Gronau, Germany, on August 24. They will return to Austin, Texas next year where Nathaniel will continue his career as a professional trumpet player. Ulrike will be an elementary school teacher.

Ana Kono has started the M.B.A. program at Wharton. **Mike Gorman** was married in August to Audrey Falk, a graduate of Northwestern. After a honeymoon in Hawaii, he and his wife will both be attending Wharton.

Jon Grandon married Sea Ann Hutchinson (Wellesley '96) on August 25 in Lexington, Ky. Jon is starting his second year in the small claims/personal injury group of the New York law firm Jacoby & Meyers. Sea Ann is an up-and-coming NYC club promoter. Jon and Sea Ann met three years ago while Jon was attending the hip-hop dance course that Sea Ann taught at the New School. Columbia alumni in attendance included **Kevin McDonald** (currently at CSFB); Scott Parkes '98, who is working for J.P. Morgan; and **Kencade Babb**, who is crop manager at a pecan farm in his hometown of Edmund, Okla.

As for me, I enjoyed a summer back in New York while working at Legal Aid — Juvenile Rights Division. Now I'm back in Philadelphia beginning my second year at of Penn Law School.

Thanks to all of you who wrote in. For those of you who have yet to write, please drop me a line — we'd all love to hear what you and your friends are up to!

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As I write these words, I look out my Brooklyn window to a skyline irrevocably changed. My husband, Hans, and I watched from our living room as the World Trade Center's two towers collapsed, and with a heavy heart I wondered if any of our classmates were injured or lost in the disaster. **Ben Gardner**, a first-year associate in the litigation department at Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, escaped safely from his office in the financial district, only four blocks east of the Twin Towers.

My only piece of news comes from **Jackie Vo**, my sophomore roommate. She and her college sweetheart, **Jeff Tse**, are engaged and planning a June 2002 wedding. Congratulations, Jackie and Jeff. Jackie is a stressed but happy third year at Baylor College of Dentistry in her hometown, Dallas. "Clinic has been keeping my schedule pretty packed… but I love it," she wrote in an e-mail. "I don't think I could've picked a better profession for myself."

Sorry about the short update. Hopefully many of you will have news to report for the next column. Once again, my prayers go out to any in the Columbia community who are mourning for family and friends.

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As a class, we want to extend our deepest, most heartfelt condolences to everyone who lost friends or family members in the attacks on September 11. We are extremely thankful for those who survived and mourn those who did not. We have learned that **Joseph Della Pietra** was among those who did not survive the attack. Once again, to Joseph's friends and family, we can only express our extreme sorrow for their loss.

It remains important to provide information on and for classmates scattered throughout the country, so please keep sending in updates.

Ian Kell and his wife, Amanda, recently celebrated one year of marriage. Ian and Amanda moved from Philadelphia to Seattle, where Ian is working for DLR Group, an architectural and engineering firm, and Amanda is working for Quorum Review, a medical review firm. In other west coast relocation news, **Pete Younkin** started his first year as a Ph.D student in sociology at Berkeley. Pete sends information regarding two other '99ers who are also first-year Berkeley Ph.D students: **Rafi Mazor** in environmental science and **Jesse Sanford** in anthropology.

Amy Spencer is teaching English, from language acquisition to literature, to seventh and eighth grade students at Franklin Middle School, an inner city school in Long Beach, Calif. She also began a performing arts program at the school, which she continues to run.

Congratulations to **Natasha Johnson-Lashley**, who was married on August 12 to her college sweetheart, John. Natasha began law school last summer at CUNY, pursuing public interest law.

After earning a master's in the social sciences at the University of Chicago in 2000, **Christopher Ferris** entered the financial derivatives trading business. He has earned a seat on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and is currently a trader for KC-CO, L.L.C. in the S&P 500 group at the Merc and a registered futures broker. Christopher primarily trades S&P options and hedges with S&P futures.

Sahil Godiwala is now helping with our class notes column; you can send information to Charlie at the above address or Sahil at 4501 Connecticut Ave. NW #609, Washington, D.C. 20008, e-mail stg@law.georgetown.edu.

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Usually, this column is dedicated to those who e-mail me to tell me what you're up to. For this issue, however, allow let me take the time to address the terrorist attacks in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania.

What happened on September 11 was beyond the scope of anything I could ever have imagined, and I'm sure this was the case for most of us. As Columbians, I know we took the events of that day personally. After all, many of us chose Columbia largely because it was "Columbia University in the City of New York." As alumni of an institution in New York City, we have been uniquely affected by the attacks on the World Trade Center. My fondest memories in life thus far have been from college and therefore from New York. I'm sure on September 11 we thought about our city, each other and our classmates, and wondered who was downtown, on those flights or in the Pentagon, and if we were all OK.

Our class was known for its ability to not give a damn about anything. We were never the flag-waving, patriotic kind; instead, we rolled our eyes and got involved in other ways. It gives me pride to know that we are doing our part right now by donating blood, volunteering and challenging the racist and violent backlash against innocent Arab Americans, South Asians, Muslims and many others. I know we are taking a step back, thinking critically about the events

of September 11 and debating what it is our country needs to do next. This atrocity has challenged our class and our generation to face issues we never thought we'd face.

In addition, I imagine the events of September 11 have challenged us to feel more connected to New York, Washington, D.C., the rest of the nation, and each other. If that day has taught us anything, please let it be this: We are all a part of a community. Though we no longer pass each other on College Walk, we still wonder about each other. We wonder where we are, what we're doing, and if we are well. So please let me know how you are, so others can know as well. You'd be surprised at how many of us actually do read class notes, and how much fun it is to receive e-mails from you. Honestly, I love it. If you ever thought this was insignificant or silly, know that there are many of us who read this column and it keeps us tapped into each other's lives and therefore connected.

Sadly, I must report that among those lost at the World Trade Center was our classmate **Brooke Jackman**. She had just begun a job as an assistant bond trader at Cantor Fitzgerald after having worked for a year in publishing, but was making plans to pursue a master's in social work. A memorial service was held in her hometown, Oyster Bay, L.I., on September 23. Our condolences go to Brooke's family and friends.

Please take good care. I look forward to hearing from you.

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In the wake of the tragedies that occurred in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania, we must all consider what is most important to us. In my case, I choose to keep this message short and to the point.

I join my classmates in mourning the tragic death of **Tyler Ugolyn**, a victim of the World Trade Center attack of September 11. Tyler's memory was honored on September 22 in a memorial Mass held in his hometown of Ridgefield, Conn., that was attended by more than 1,000 people, including two busloads of students and alumni who came from the Morningside Heights campus. Those who knew Tyler will always remember his commitment and dedication to his friends and to sports. His classmates remember his warmth, his laugh and his smile. May Tyler Ugolyn rest in peace.

As recent alums, we had become very accustomed to the community afforded by the Columbia campus. All of our classmates who were affected in some way by these horrific events may miss the safety and security provided by the Morningside campus. I am writing this column to tell you that this community still exists — it is just spread out across the country and around the globe.

If you have comments to share about classmates, or you'd like to tell me that you're safe, please write to me. I will resume with the traditional format of these notes in the next issue. Meanwhile, stay strong and stay in touch with your Columbia classmates. They can be a source of strength during difficult times.

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Alumni Corner

Sweet Land of Liberty

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The recovery from the pain and losses suffered on September 11, 2001, has been slow indeed. Everyone seems to be trying to get back to something close to normal, if one can remember what normal is. To those who lost loved ones, our heartfelt sympathy goes out to you.

Columbia has handled this tragedy so well, pulling and bonding everyone together. Services were held on campus; forums were set up to discuss the events; and counseling was made available to students and anyone else in the Columbia community. Communications from President George Rupp and Dean Austin Quigley were key elements in keeping everyone informed. In addition to the letter from the president that went to all Columbia alumni, Dean Quigley sent correspondence to the College students, their parents and College alumni. A message board was created on the College Web site, and quickly adopted University-wide, so that people could inform others that they were unharmed. And as the grim news became clearer, those who didn't survive the tragedy were listed.

Students gave blood, donated money and supplies and volunteered their services. Student organizations raised money in special efforts on College Walk. Columbia announced that it was establishing a WTC Scholarship Fund for the children of victims of the tragedy. Memorial services were held around the greater New York area and were attended *en masse* by Columbia administrators, students and alumni. A remembrance service for members of the Columbia family was scheduled for November 15. Every segment of the Columbia community was involved in one way or another in this healing effort.

An article in the *Columbia Spectator* talked about the "strength and resolve" of the Columbia community; "being inspired by fellow New Yorkers, particularly by fellow Columbia students;" "coming together;" "performing heroic deeds;" and "being proud of the community."

No one should be surprised. That's what Columbia is all about.

As the days and weeks have gone by, alumni, students and all of Columbia have started getting out, attending events, trying to rid themselves of the gloomy feelings. Outside of New York, alumni in Atlanta have had several get-togethers, and the group in Boston has begun planning for the latter part of this year plus early 2002.

Other efforts are under way on the West Coast. The men's basketball team will be making its first trip to Hawaii since 1968 to play in a tournament on Oahu around Christmas. On the way home, the team will stop off in Los Angeles to play UCLA (where a couple of alumni receptions are planned) and then head down to San Diego to go against San Diego State.

In New York, the Columbia College Young Alumni held its first Young Alumni Achievement Awards ceremony in mid-September. More than 200 alumni, students and administrators attended this stirring event. Getting out, talking, mingling — it was needed by all. The awardees were Charles Ardai '91, president of Juno.com, and Virginia Cornish '91, assistant professor of chemistry at the College.

Fall sports returned to Baker Field and Levien Gym, with appropriate ceremonies before each contest.

Not long after this issue goes to press, the annual Alexander Hamilton Dinner will be held in Low Library on November 13. This year's honoree is University trustee Phil Milstein '71, CEO of Emigrant Savings Bank, who gives so much of his time and effort to Columbia.

All of you around the country and the world should be proud of your school. Columbia has continued to stand tall, and in times of crisis, it always meets the challenges it faces. Dean Quigley has pointed out that in these difficult times, the role of educational institutions becomes more important than ever. Columbia has demonstrated once again that it is the place to be for an education (in the classroom as well as in life) second to none.

As we continue to move ahead, now might be a good time to call an old friend, a classmate or two, or a relative to see how they are doing.

To all of you in our extended Columbia Community, stay well. Our thoughts are always with you, and, in turn, your thoughts are always welcome.
Please feel free to e-mail me at gs481@juno.com.

Every segment of the Columbia community was involved in one way or another in this healing effort.

Gerald Sherwin '55
PHOTO: MICHAEL DAMES

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Thursday-Friday	Monday	Friday
NOVEMBER 22–23 Thanksgiving Holiday	DECEMBER 10 Last Day of Classes	DECEMBER 21 Last Day of Fall Semester

SPRING SEMESTER 2002

Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Monday
JANUARY 22 First Day of Classes	FEBRUARY 13 February Degrees Conferred	MARCH 6 John Jay Awards Dinner	MARCH 11 Midterm Date

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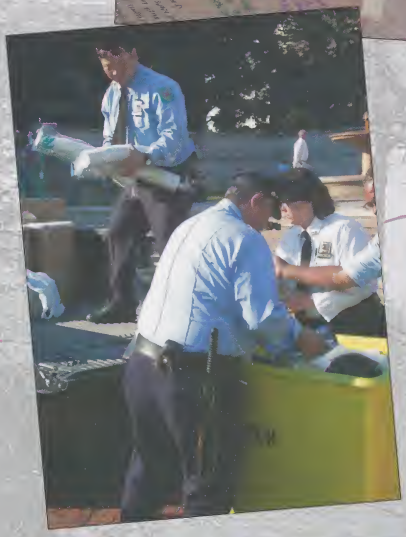

"Let us join our hearts and hands as we unite in the urgent work of rebuilding."

President George Rupp
September 14, 2001

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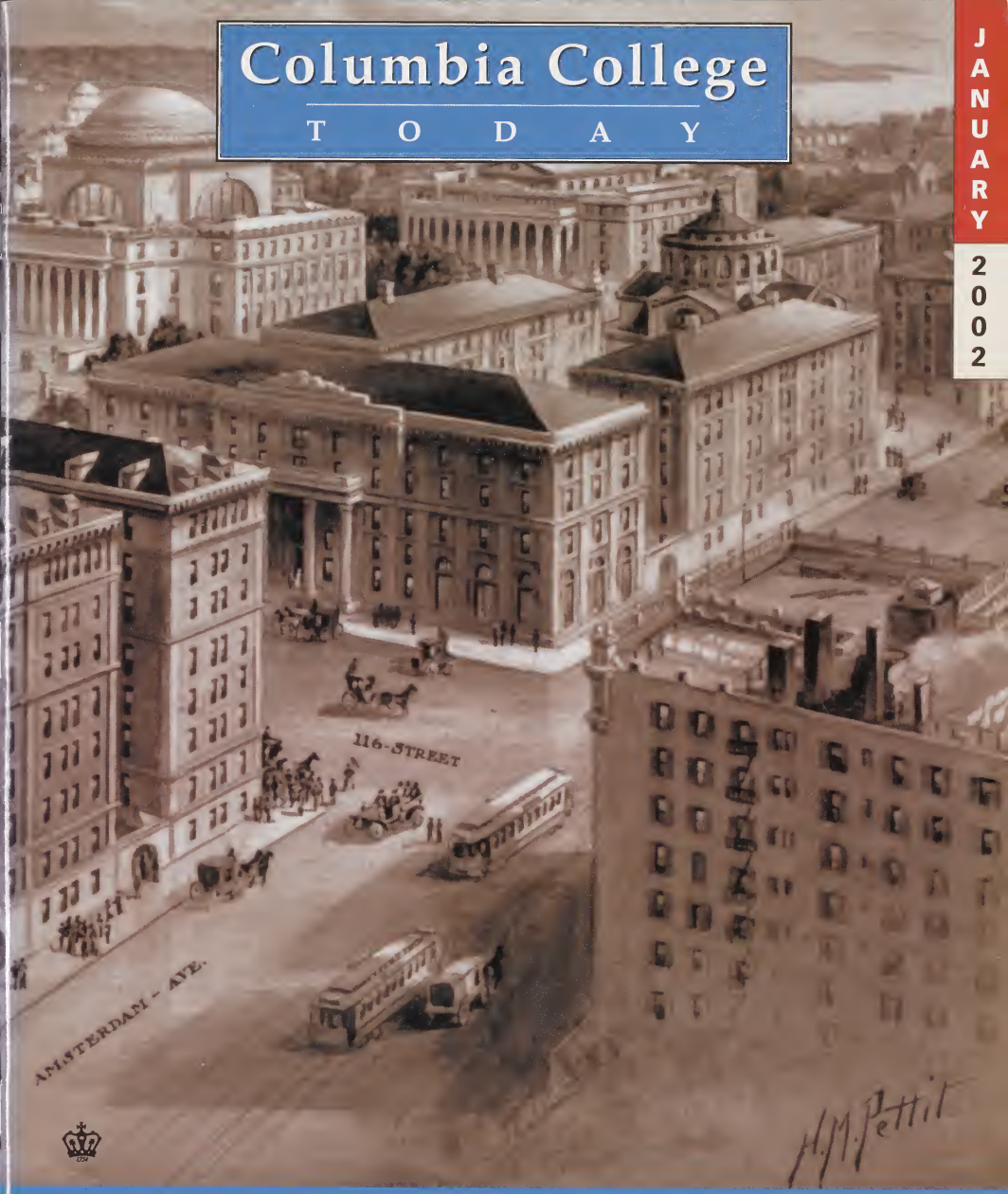

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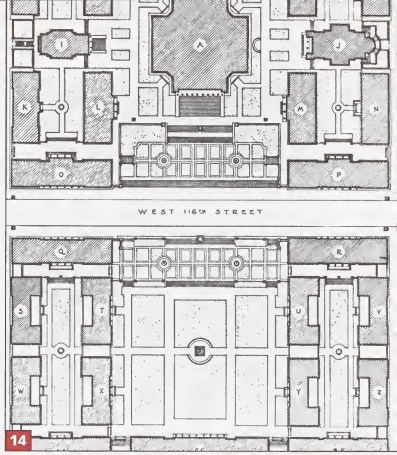

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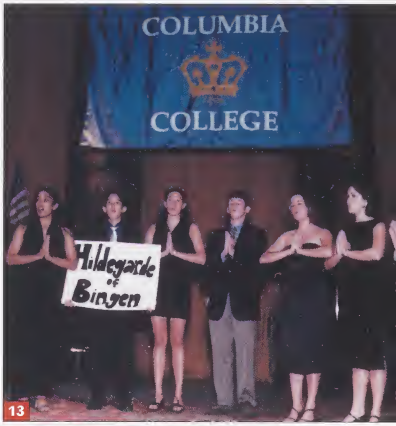

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Della Pietra Memorial

I have read the November issue of *CCT*, and my family appreciates *CCT* remembering the eight lost CC alumni in this issue. We would, however, like to point out a few minor corrections regarding my brother, Joseph Della Pietra '99. Joe traded corporate bonds at Cantor Fitzgerald (not a big deal that he was listed as a broker) and played baseball at Columbia. He was living back home with my mother in the Midwood section of Brooklyn, and also is survived by my sister, Lisa, who also lives in Brooklyn.

More importantly, our high school, Poly Prep in Brooklyn, has established a memorial fund in honor of Joe and the other 10 missing from our school. Checks should be made payable to Poly Prep, should reference the name of my brother, and be sent to:

Poly Prep C.D.S.
September 11 Memorial Fund
c/o Development Office
9216 Seventh Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11228-3698

For further information, you may call (718) 836-9800. Thank you.

Christopher V. Della Pietra '89
GLEN ROCK, N.J.

Recovery efforts continue

Not Just "Over There"

I know that you were well-intentioned in your observations, but somehow your words struck me as a bit upsetting. You wrote, in reference to 9/11: "It was something that took place in Beirut and Belfast, Tel Aviv and Indonesia. We watched it on television…We knew it happened, but not here." All this is definitely true. Without a doubt, the act of terror on Amercan soil was shocking not only in its intensity, but in its unexpectedness. Perhaps we have come to expect this in other places around the world, but, nevertheless, an act of terror should never be something that "we know to happen. Just not here." I was struck with the feeling that perhaps these acts are less upsetting, less evil or less real if they happen somewhere else, just because we have come to expect them (which is obviously a sign that they happen far too often).

We as Americans were drawn into the world community that day by finally realizing what it feels like to live in one of these other countries. We must all come together to realize the nearly universal injustice of terrorism, rather than distancing ourselves from other parts of the world. We cannot somehow overlook this destruction, loss and fear as long as it is on our television screens and not confronting us every day in our streets. I realize that you were making a point about America and its loss of innocence, I just wanted to give you my gut reaction. Now more than ever, we must all realize that there is no such thing as terrorism that happens "over there." We must fight terror and realize the evil of it, regardless of where we call home.

Dina Epstein '01
JERUSALEM

November 22, Not 23

With all due respect for the seriousness of the Editor's message about September 11 (*CCT*, November 2001), I must say "who cares?" about his recollection of where he was on November 23, 1963. November 22 is the date burned into my memory.

By the way, I mentioned to a colleague that a charitable view would be that the error is the fault of an editor, not the author — alas, can't be so in this case!

Seriously, your editorial and indeed the entire issue reflects great credit on you and your staff and I'm certain is much appreciated by all alumni of the College.

Roy R. Russo '56
WASHINGTON, D.C.

[Editor's note: Yes, President Kennedy was shot on November 22. For some reason I had 23 on the brain. Maybe if Michael Jordan would stop these comebacks…]

Restoring the Sundial

The monument of concern itself was a unique sundial with a seven-foot in diameter, solid, green, 16-ton granite gnomon that stood at the heart of the Columbia campus off West 116th Street. Countless members of the Columbia College community remember the dial

WITHIN THE FAMILY

Changes in the CCT *Family*

To help build alumni participation in the life of the College, the Office of Alumni Affairs and Development has undergone significant changes and growth in recent months. We will detail this growth, and introduce many of the people involved, in our next issue.

This is closer to home. Or rather, the *CCT* office.

I want to publicly acknowledge and thank someone who has been instrumental in the survival and growth of the magazine during the past seven years. Our masthead has listed **Donna Satow** as associate publisher, meaning that she has been involved in the business aspects of the magazine, such as advertising, coordination with printers, and the annual voluntary subscription drive. She had done much of this work before, in her professional life, and now she was doing it for Columbia, her second home, thanks to husband Phil '63 (an active alumnus and president of the CCAA, 1998–2000) and two of her children, Michael '88 and Julie '96.

What the masthead didn't say was that, in her part-time capacity, she also doubled as our Class Notes editor, responsible for coaxing and cajoling articles for each issue of the magazine from more than 60 volunteer class correspondents whose styles and personalities (and in some cases, handwriting) are as diverse as, well, Columbia itself. This was no mean feat, yet she did it with professionalism, a positive attitude and a warm smile that endeared her to all who came in contact with her. She was instrumental in keeping *CCT* up and running when it was short-staffed, and her experience was vital in the transition to a new editor.

Donna has left *CCT* in order to devote her time, energy and considerable skills to other pursuits, most notably The Jed Foundation (www.jedfoundation.com), a not-for-profit public charity that she and her husband have created to reduce the youth suicide rate and improve the mental health support provided to college students nationwide. We wish her only the best.

Starting with the November 2001 issue, *CCT* is now publishing six issues per year. To make this increased publication schedule possible, **Lisa Palladino** has been hired as associate director of communications/managing editor and **Laura Butchy** has been hired as staff writer/editor. **Tim Cross**, associate director of communications, will continue to contribute to *CCT* while taking on new responsibilities as director of electronic programs.

Lisa brings her considerable copy-editing skills to us from the Washington, D.C.–based American Society of Association Executives, where she edited its magazine and newsletters. She will play a prominent role in the planning, editing and production of *CCT* and contribute articles as well.

Laura, who is completing her M.F.A. in dramaturgy at the School of the Arts, worked part-time for *CCT* for two years before assuming her current position, where she has inherited many of Donna Satow's responsibilities in addition to general reporting. Part of her portfolio is serving as coordinator of our class correspondents.

CCT is pleased to welcome both into the College family.

Alex Sachare

as the central meeting place on campus.

The monument, a gift from the class of 1885 on its 25th Reunion, was removed in the winter of 1946 because a widening crack along a fissure line of the granite sphere led University officials to believe that it was permanently damaged. Since that time, in absence of the sphere, the nine-foot diameter base designed by the architectural firm McKim, Mead and White has remained in its original location, sullen as a shorn trunk of a great cedar.

Despite the archived press releases that stated the ball was destroyed, this summer, through my interest and pure serendipity, the ball was located on a field outside Ann Arbor, Mich. The owners of the ball are willing to sell it back to the University at a minimal cost. Columbia has pledged an initial interest in the restoration effort by funding the research into verifying the provenance and determining the structural stability of the ball on site in Michigan, but has not been able to produce the funds (estimated at $250,000) to relocate, reinstall and refurbish the monument, all of which are necessary to bring the project to fruition.

Columbia's original Sundial

The damaged Latin motto at the base of the monument reads, *Horam Expecta Veniet* — Await the Hour Will Come.

Anyone interested in learning more about the ongoing restoration effort may contact me at skp12@columbia.edu.

Steve Pulimood '03
NEW YORK CITY

AROUND THE QUADS

Klein, McDavid, Lung, Johnson To Receive John Jay Awards

BY ALEX SACHARE '71

Columbia College will honor four distinguished and successful alumni — **Joel I. Klein '67, William H. McDavid '68, Conrad Lung '72** and **Derek Q. Johnson '81** — at the John Jay Awards Dinner, to be held on Wednesday, March 6, in the Grand Ballroom of the Plaza Hotel in New York City.

The John Jay Awards, named for the first chief justice of the United States and a member of the King's College Class of 1764, are presented annually in recognition of distinguished professional achievement. Proceeds from the dinner support the John Jay National Scholarship Program, which provides financial assistance and special programming for College students.

The four honorees have made their marks in fields ranging from law to public service, banking, apparel manufacturing, media and entertainment.

Joel I. Klein '67 is chairman and CEO of Bertelsmann, Inc., and chief U.S. liaison officer to Bertelsmann AG, one of the largest media companies in the world. He is responsible for corporate functions in the United States. Previously, Klein served as assistant attorney general in charge of the Antitrust Division at the Department of Justice, where he led many landmark antitrust cases, including monopoly challenges against Microsoft, VISA/MasterCard and American Airlines, as well as numerous successful prosecutions of international cartels. Klein was appointed acting assistant attorney general in October 1996 after serving as the Antitrust Division's principal deputy and deputy counsel to President Clinton. A magna cum laude graduate of the College and Harvard Law School, Klein practiced law in Washington, D.C., for 20 years before joining the Justice Department.

William H. McDavid '68 is general counsel for J.P. Morgan Chase & Co., the conglomerate formed by the merger of Chase Manhattan and J.P. Morgan in December 2000. Previously, McDavid was general counsel for the Chase Manhattan Bank and served on its management committee. He was an associate in the law firm of Debevoise & Plimpton from 1972–81 before joining Bankers Trust as vice president and assistant general counsel. In 1988, he became general counsel of Chemical Banking, which merged with Manufacturers Hanover in 1991 and Chase in 1996. McDavid has served as chairman of The Financial Services Roundtable Lawyers Council, which represents 100 of the largest diversified financial service companies, and as a trustee of the French American School of New York.

Joel I. Klein '67 *William H. McDavid '68* *Conrad Lung '72* *Derek Q. Johnson '81*

Conrad Lung '72 is the president and co-founder of Sunnex, Inc., a New York–based company that manufactures and markets apparel in the United States, Canada and Latin America. A native of Canton, China, Lung taught at Yale before joining Wrightfox International as a vice president in 1979. He also worked at Maurice Sasson Jeans and New York Jean Co. before founding Sunnex in 1985. Lung has co-founded four other successful businesses as well as the Sun On Trust, an organization performing charitable work in China. He was named one of the 50 outstanding Chinese Americans in business by the Asian American Business Development Center in 2001.

Derek Q. Johnson '81 was a senior vice president at AOL Time Warner before becoming president and CEO of the Apollo Theater Foundation, a not-for-profit corporation responsible for the preservation, restoration and revitalization of the world-famous Apollo Theater on 125th Street in Harlem, on May 1. Johnson, a seven-year veteran of Time Warner, the media and entertainment firm that merged with AOL, has an extensive background in government, politics and real estate and has long been associated with economic development initiatives in the Harlem community. He holds a master's degree in public administration and a law degree from Columbia.

For tickets or additional information about the black-tie dinner, please contact Shelley Grunfeld in the Alumni Office at (212) 870-2288 or by e-mail at rg329@columbia.edu.

September 11 Recovery Efforts Continue

BY LAURA BUTCHY

Columbia's continuing response to the tragedy of September 11 has ranged from memorials to volunteer work to academic forums.

The University service of remembrance, held November 15 and presided over by University Chaplain **Jewelnel Davis**, honored those lost in the terrorist attacks. Members of the campus community, including faculty, administrators, students, alumni, staff and family members, gathered in Roone Arledge Auditorium to

hear President **George Rupp** read the names of the 39 University alumni victims and 64 other family members and friends of current students, faculty, staff and alumni who were lost. Representatives from myriad campus and religious groups offered songs, prayers, words of assurance and meditations.

As day-to-day campus life continues, one concern has been the ongoing anthrax threat. Although a report of white powder closed Lerner Hall for several hours on November 1, the New York Police Department found no evidence of anthrax and concluded that none of more than 40 suspicious packages reported posed a threat. As a preventative measure, mail delivery was temporarily suspended on October 26 while the mailroom implemented safety measures and obtained protective equipment for staff in order to meet Centers for Disease Control guidelines. Although there has been no evidence of contamination at any Columbia campus facility, the community was asked to exercise caution in handling mail.

In addition, campus security was enhanced during the last few months with increased patrols and spot checks in University parking garages. Vehicular access to College Walk remains restricted, and a campus information line (212-854-4636) was established to provide daily updates about campus reports. The local police precinct also has increased its presence in the neighborhood.

Recovery efforts continue to get a boost via volunteer groups. Columbia Ongoing Volunteer Emergency Relief, which comprises administrators, students and rescue organizers, works to support long-term relief efforts. For example, operators answered an 800-number for displaced businesses for NYC Partnership, while others reached out to businesses above 96th Street by walking door-to-door to assist Upper West Side, Harlem and Washington Heights businesses in applying for federal emergency disaster relief. COVER also assisted small- and medium-sized businesses by seeking students with professional experience to serve as business advocates, financial mentors, project managers for assessment of business needs, and donor team members. For many organizations, basic as well as high-tech office equipment was needed to restart their businesses in the months following the disaster. And, in a more low-tech approach that gave a nod to the healing power of nature, students were invited in November and December to join in planting a living memory of September 11 in city parks. Holland's gift of one million yellow flower bulbs will beautify the city's parks and greenspaces when they bloom in March.

Relief efforts require monetary support, and fund raising by student and staff-led groups has raised more than $27,000 for the rescue effort and for the families of victims. The College Democrats and Republicans, for example, raised $6,000 at an October 4 dinner where the speakers included SIPA Dean **Lisa Anderson**, former New York City Mayor **David Dinkins**, Deputy Fire Chief **Ed Dennehy** and New York City Red Cross team leader **John McGee**. Other fund raising included more than $3,300 raised through the ongoing donation center at Lerner Hall and $4,700 donated by employees in the central administration building. In addition, students and faculty participated in a Rally for Recovery in Washington Square Park on November 17, which was sponsored in part by the School of Public Health.

CCT has learned of several more funds created to honor lost alumni (please see the November 2001 issue of *CCT*, page 25, for information of the funds that honor **John Benedict Fiorito '82, Brian P. Williams '94, Brooke Jackman '00** and **Tyler Ugolyn '01**). **Solomon Gayle '85** has offered $50,000 to establish a College scholarship in memory of his fiancée, **Seilai Khoo '86**. Donations in memory of **Robert Murach '78** may be sent to the Madison and Hayley Murach Education Fund, 41 Watchung Plaza No. 109, Montclair, NJ 07042. And donations in memory of **Joseph Della Pietra '99** may be sent to his high school: Poly Prep, September 11 Memorial Fund, c/o Development Office, 9216 Seventh Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11228-3698.

To facilitate discussion and understanding of the tragic events, Columbia faculty, including several from the College as well as graduate schools, have hosted discussions and groups. **Karen Barkey** and **Anthony Marx**, co-directors of the Center for the Historical Social Sciences, moderated a roundtable with **Alan Brinkley**, **Eric Foner '63** and **Ira Katznelson '66** that discussed September 11 as a historical turning point.

And when **Ellen DeVoe**, assistant professor at the School of Social Work, noticed new responses to television in her 18-month-old son, she realized her study of trauma in children was suddenly even more necessary. With other

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Celebrating WKCR's 60th Anniversary

Gary Cohen '81, radio voice of the New York Mets, was the featured speaker as more than 200 alumni and guests gathered on October 12 to celebrate the 60th anniversary of WKCR and the dedication of the station's Peter and Susan Schweitzer Studio in Lerner Hall. Cohen reminisced about his WKCR days, including a soccer game he once broadcast with **George Stephanopoulos '82**, and drew a laugh when he talked about "the highs, like 1978–79 when **Alton Byrd '79** and **Ricky Free '80** set the Ivy League on fire, and the lows, like Columbia football…" Dean **Austin Quigley**, **Peter Schweitzer '60** and CC Alumni Association President **Jerry Sherwin '55**, the latter two both WKCR alumni, also spoke at the event, which celebrated the opening of WKCR's new facilities in the student center after broadcasting from Riverside Church the past several years. Guests had the opportunity to tour the new studios, and many remarked on how things have changed "since the days of rewinding Ampex tape by hand," as one put it.

Gary Cohen '81 (far left), play-by-play broadcaster for the New York Mets, joins (left to right) Jessica Tait '02 of WKCR, CCAA President Jerry Sherwin '55, Peter Schweitzer '60, Susan Schweitzer and Dean Austin Quigley at the dedication of WKCR's new Peter and Susan Schweitzer Studio.
PHOTO: MICHAEL DAMES

volunteer professors from the school, DeVoe held response groups for parents and their children to discuss their reactions and concerns. Teachers College's Center for Educational and Psychological Services also has offered parent support group sessions to help adults and their children work through feelings of insecurity, disorientation and anxiety linked to the WTC trauma.

SEAS hosted a day-long forum with top engineers of the WTC, Ground Zero structural assessment team members and leaders of the emergency response to gather information that could lead to improvements in building design and operations. SIPA sponsored an ongoing series of lectures and panels under the heading "SIPA Responds," with professors examining such varied topics as what may have caused the attacks, Afghanistan's future, the war's effect on international relations with other countries and the U.S.'s new defense priorities. Law School forums have focused on domestic legal implications of the war on terrorism, raising questions about racial profiling, current and proposed laws governing electronic surveillance, and protection of constitutional principles. And the Business School held a joint conference with the London School of Business to explore the impact of September 11 on financial communications and information systems and future development.

David Westin, president of ABC News, lectured on the media's responsibility to keep Americans informed of developments in the war against terrorism. Sponsored by the Poliak Center for the Study of First Amendment Issues at the School of Journalism, the event was taped for broadcast on C-SPAN. The Journalism School's "Wonderful Town: The Future of Theater in New York" conference hosted critics, scholars, artists, and representatives from arts groups, government agencies and theater companies on- and off-Broadway for a two-day discussion of the economic, political, real estate and cultural issues facing New York's performing arts groups.

While the effects of the attacks will be felt for years to come, the Columbia community continues to reach into its hearts, wallets and academic resources to help the recovery effort.

Columbia Expands Online Offerings

By Shira J. Boss '93

Columbia has opened the digital door of the University to the public with an initiative called Columbia Interactive, which launched in November. The site, accessible by a link from the school's homepage (www.columbia.edu) or directly at http://ci.columbia.edu, organizes the myriad material that the University already has online and makes it easier for the Columbia community and outsiders to access resources.

"Anyone can come to the site and find everything we have online rather than hunting all over columbia.edu," says **Todd Hardy**, executive director of Columbia Digital Knowledge Ventures, which works to bring University resources to a wider audience.

Rather than a developer of new content, Columbia Interactive is more of a navigational tool. Users can locate course Web sites by searching by subject or keyword, although some sites are open only to enrolled students and are password-protected. Users can enroll in e-courses offered by Fathom, a commercial learning site developed by Columbia and several academic and institutional partners; take short, noncredit e-seminars; read e-journals; use digital learning tools; and access archived material from conferences and events, among other resources.

Access to the material is free to Columbia students, faculty and staff, and much of it is free to the public, although there is a $45 charge for outside users for some e-seminars. Hardy stresses that Columbia Interactive is not meant to be a commercial portal, although it offers some paid material via Fathom. When there is a fee for an e-seminar, it is paid through Fathom. Special subscription rates for alumni may come in the future, according to Hardy.

Falling under the auspices of Columbia Digital Knowledge Ventures, Columbia Interactive is part of the University's aggressive strategy to develop and disseminate digital content for use on campus and in the wider world. This mission is supported by three branches: Digital Knowledge Ventures, Fathom, and the Center for New Media Teaching and Learning, which works with faculty to develop digital course material.

An example of content recently posted is a collection of material on the World Trade Center tragedy and its aftermath. Printed, audio and visual records on diverse subjects are continually added to the University's online archive. "We have made an effort to capture and retain and archive them for those who couldn't attend rather than have them lost forever," Hardy says.

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resource for those on campus and as a bridge for the outside world to access the University's resources. "It was built with both audiences in mind," Hardy says. In addition to opening the door for the public, "It's a research tool for students and a microphone for faculty," he adds.

Several faculty members have already developed e-seminars that are available through Columbia Interactive. The Oral History Research Office put together interviews with actor/filmmaker **Buster Keaton** for the free e-seminar "Buster Keaton on Comedy and Making Movies." Paid e-seminars include a series on the history of New York City by **Ken Jackson**, Jacques Barzun Professor of History and Social Science, and "How Predictable are Natural Disasters?" led by **Art Lerner-Lam**, associate director of the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory.

Jester Holds Court Again

The Columbia *Jester*, appropriately founded on April 1, 1901, has survived glory years and periods of intermittent publication — make that dormancy — throughout its 100-year history. Now under the leadership of co-editors **Mike Weiss '02** and **Jon Orren GS'02**, *Jester* is back. Issues were published in October and December 2001, and plans are in progress for March and May 2002 editions as well.

Orren became interested in *Jester* a few years ago when he began hearing about its glorious past and more recent struggles to find funding. "My interest in *Jester* stemmed from my lifelong interest in writing humorously, which itself stemmed from my inability to write competently in any other manner," he says. "Resurrecting *Jester* seemed like a logical way to realize that dream."

The cover of the October Jester

Orren worked with Weiss and **Art Harris '01** to scrounge up funds for a "Resurrection Issue" in May 2001. Shortly after its release, they teamed up with the Spectator Publishing Company, the parent company that publishes *Spectator*, for assistance in producing multiple issues each semester. "Mike and I jumped at the opportunity to collaborate with *Spectator*, because we felt that it represented our best chance to achieve our main objective," Orren says. "That is, restoring *Jester*'s visibility and prestige at Columbia and eventually appearing in a flattering *Columbia College Today* write-up, causing wealthy alumni to ask themselves, 'What can I do to ensure the long-term survival of *Jester*?' "

According to **Jeffrey Posnick '02**, president of Spectator Publishing and the new publisher of *Jester*, they plan to produce four *Jester*s a year for the enjoyment of the campus community. "Beyond the historical reasons relating to the importance of maintaining (or, in this case, reviving) Columbia traditions that form a link between the students of today with Columbia alumni," Posnick says, "I think that the more outlets on campus for student creativity, the better."

"Columbia is a school that often takes itself too seriously," Orren contends. "Students need an outlet for laughter that speaks to them, for them, about them and reminds them that, next to penicillin and perhaps Viagra, laughter is the best medicine for whatever ails you."

A one-year (four-issue) subscription is $20. For more information, contact the *Jester* staff at jester@columbia.edu.

L.B.

Columbia Undertakes NCAA Certification

Columbia is participating in a process to certify that the University's intercollegiate athletics program conforms to National Collegiate Athletic Association regulations and guidelines. The lengthy process, which began in the spring of 2001, examines the athletics program's fiscal and academic integrity; commitment to equity, student welfare and sportsmanship; and governance and compliance with NCAA rules. The University is preparing a self-study

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report in anticipation of a visit by an NCAA-appointed peer review team of administrators and faculty members from other institutions, which is scheduled for June 2002.

Chris Colombo, dean of student affairs for the College and SEAS, chairs the University steering committee — which is composed of administrators, faculty, alumni and current students — that is coordinating the certification process. Four subcommittees — academic integrity, chaired by **Sandra Johnson**, associate dean of residence life and advising programs; fiscal integrity, chaired by **Susan Mescher**, associate dean for administration; equity, welfare and sportsmanship, chaired by **David Charlow '85**, director of undergraduate financial aid; and governance and rules compliance, chaired by Colombo — are working with the steering committee on the self-study report, which will be mailed to the NCAA in April.

The University's athletics program is unique within the Ivy League because student-athletes from four schools — the College, SEAS, Barnard and General Studies — can play on Columbia's intercollegiate sports teams. This is the second time that the University has undertaken NCAA certification. In 1996, Columbia became the first Ivy school to complete the process, which was instituted by the NCAA in the mid-1990s for all member colleges and universities.

The steering committee plans to hold a public forum on campus early in the spring semester to ensure that all members of the University community can have input into the process. Students and alumni interested in learning more should visit Columbia's NCAA certification Web site (www.college.columbia.edu/ncaa) or send an e-mail to ncaacertification@columbia.edu.

T.P.C.

To Pay Off Her Student Loans, Dunphy Tries for Miss America

Faced with the challenge of paying off her student loans, **Christine Dunphy '01** is taking a novel approach: She's trying to become Miss America.

"I was looking on the Internet for scholarships and found the Miss America site. It's the largest scholarship program in the world," says Dunphy, who majored in English and creative writing at the College and is now paying the bills by teaching sixth graders in Brooklyn, writing, going on acting auditions and serving as a part-time financial rep for New York Life.

The Miss America pageant awards more than $40 million in prize money and scholarships annually.

"For this reason alone, it is much more than a starry-eyed girl's fantasy role — it is a feminist's dream," maintains Dunphy, who emphasizes that the most important part of the pageant is the interview, a 10-minute session before a panel of questioners. Each contestant must choose a "platform issue," a cause to which she has contributed time and effort and that she believes in, write an essay and answer questions about it. Dunphy, who also competed in the pageant a year ago, chose as her platform issue for that contest the prevention and awareness of sexual assault, the subject of a book she wrote in Columbia's creative writing program. Contestants also are judged based on a talent of their choice and on the poise they exhibit answering questions throughout the pageant.

Christine Dunphy '01
PHOTO: EILEEN BARROSO

Dunphy, who has completed a novel entitled *The Hand You Hold* that she hopes to have published, was the editor of her high school newspaper in Holbrook, N.Y., on Long Island. In her senior year of high school, she was a finalist in the Junior Miss New York scholarship pageant. She makes a point of saying the Miss America pageant should not be confused with Miss USA or Miss Universe, which she describes as "beauty pageants based on looks," even though Miss America, like the others, does include swimsuit and evening wear competitions.

"People don't know what it takes to go through all the steps to compete for Miss America," she says. "The judges focus on contestants' accomplishments in and out of the classroom. All women involved are not only students but also leaders in their communities.

"In other words, Miss America is no bimbo. She is well-spoken, well-informed and works actively to improve society."

Right now, Dunphy is competing for the title of Miss New York City, which will be determined in February. If she is successful, she would advance to the Miss New York State competition in June, then the Miss America pageant in September.

Win or lose, Dunphy says she's gained by participating in the pageants. "I've met some very accomplished young women and I've made lifelong friends," she says.

A.S.

CAMPUS BULLETINS

■ MARSHALL: While preparing his application for a Marshall Scholarship, **Daniel Immerwahr '02** stayed focused by keeping a list of forbidden activities that might distract him from the application. His dedication paid off when, on November 17, he was one of 40 students nationwide to be awarded Marshall Scholarships, which cover the expenses of studying at any university in the United Kingdom for two years. He is the sixth Columbia University student to be awarded the scholarship in five years.

A history and philosophy double major, Immerwahr prepared his scholarship application while he was writing his philosophy thesis, which concerns the philosophy of history, or "what we do when we talk about the past." His goal is to be an historian, and although his primary interest lies in United States history, he told the *Spectator* that he "wants to try lots of different areas before focusing on one." He also aspires to teach, and has already gained valuable experience by serving as an Arthur Rose Teaching Fellow at Columbia, assisting with a class in Renaissance and Reformation history.

Immerwahr shared his interests by co-founding the Undergraduate Philosophy Forum last year, which he describes as an informal setting "through which undergraduates can talk about philosophy." Immerwahr views himself not just as a teacher, philosopher and historian but as an activist, as well. History, for him, "is not just a scholarly activity but also a form of activism — capable of changing the present through inquiry into the past."

■ EARLY RETURNS: Early decision applications rose 6.5 percent to 1,596 for the Class of 2006 from 1,498 for the Class of 2005. This continues the upward trend in early decision applications of recent years and the tapering of the percentage of increase. Early decision applications rose by 14.9 percent two years ago and 12.6 percent last year.

It is unclear what impact the World Trade Center tragedy had on these numbers. The increase in applications might indicate little or no impact; the lessening of the percentage of increase could be taken as an indication that some high school students and/or parents might be wary of New York City.

According to the admissions office, approximately 29 percent of early decision applicants are accepted, and they will make up roughly 47 percent of the incoming class — a similar proportion as in recent years.

■ FISCAL GAINS: Columbia did better than many of its peers when it came to endowment investing in fiscal year 2001, according to an article in the October 19 issue of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. The University ranked eighth on a list of the institutions with the top 25 endowments, and showed a 1.4 percent gain for the year ending June 30, 2001. Columbia's $4.3 billion endowment held steady from 2000.

Only two other institutions in the top 10 posted gains (Yale and Princeton), and the *Chronicle* predicted that the 2001 fiscal year will most likely go down as higher education's worst ever. The financial situation for many institutions is expected to be even more difficult in light of the attacks of September 11.

The *Chronicle*'s survey this fall of 50 colleges — the 25 institutions with the largest endowments, as ranked by The National Association of College and University Business Officers, Washington, D.C., and 25 others — indicated that the funds of at least 37 institutions had posted negative return rates for the 2001 fiscal year. And Commonfund, which manages $30 billion on behalf of colleges and other nonprofits, indicated in the article that based on a survey it conducted, 39 of 53 respondents reported flat or negative returns for the fiscal year.

■ CORE AWARDS: **Kathy Eden**, Mark Van Doren Professor of Humanities, and **David Johnston**, Nell and Herbert M. Singer Professor of Contemporary Civilization, will share the 2001 Award for Distinguished Service to the Core Curriculum. Eden, who won the Great Teacher Award in 1998 and the Mark Van Doren Award in 2001, is serving her second term as chair of the Literature Humanities course. Johnston, a political science professor who has taught the Contemporary Civilization course since the 1980s, is credited with improving teacher training and instruction in the course during his term in the mid-1990s. The two received their awards at a ceremony held in the Heyman Center for the Humanities on November 27. President **George Rupp**, Dean **Austin Quigley** and Vice President of the Arts and Sciences **David Cohen** spoke at the annual ceremony, which is organized by the Heyman Center.

■ MOURNED: The entire Columbia community mourns the passing of **Nicholas Kemnitzer '03** of Shepherdstown, W.Va., on November 9, and extends its sympathy to his family and friends. Kemnitzer, a history major, was the host of a weekly show on WBAR, which allowed him to pursue his interest in music. Nick, as friends called him, had celebrated his 21st birthday on November 1. A memorial service was held on November 13 at the Sleepy Hollow Cemetery in North Tarrytown, N.Y.

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ROAR, LION, ROAR

■ HOOP IT UP: Columbia's men's basketball team, with seven seniors on its roster including last season's Ivy League Player of the Year, **Craig Austin '02,** got off to a fast start by winning six of its first eight games before the Christmas break. The Lions spent the holiday out west, participating in the Yahoo Sports Invitational at Laie, Hawaii, and then visiting UCLA and San Diego State before opening the Ivy campaign at Yale on January 11.

The Lions hope to improve on last season's .500 Ivy record and make a run at the league title. "This is it. We have to do it now," says co-captain **Treg Duerksen '02**, who missed all of the 2000–01 season with a torn ACL and a foot fracture. Adds Austin, "We know this is our last year. We have to play well."

For the latest on the Lion cagers and all Columbia teams, log on to the athletics Web site: www.columbia.edu/cu/athletics/comm/.

■ ALL-AMERICAN: **Caitlin Hickin '04** became Columbia's first All-American cross-country runner when she finished 20th in the NCAA Championships in Furman, S.C., on November 19. More than 250 women competed in the race, and the top 25 finishers were named All-Americans.

Finishing in the top 25 was not without its price, as Hickin told the *Spectator*. "I've seriously never felt that kind of pain. I can't even describe it," said Hickin, who ran the six kilometers in 21:08. She passed numerous runners in the final mile to improve significantly upon her 90th place finish of a year ago, and credits her improvement to a summer of serious training. "I ran about 50 or 55 miles every week," she said. "I definitely put in the effort for a more solid base than the years before."

All-American Caitlin Hickin '04
PHOTO: DAVID ZINMAN '51

■ GRIDDERS GO 3-7: Columbia's football team finished with a 3–7 record, identical to last year and a disappointment for a team that began the season with hopes of a winning mark. All three Columbia wins came against Ivy opponents, but the Lions lost a chance at a winning conference record by bowing to Brown 45–21 in their Ivy finale. A 23–20 overtime loss to Bucknell in the season opener was the first of four consecutive losses from which the Lions never fully recovered.

Tailback **Johnathan Reese '02** and safety **Philip Murray '03**, both of whom were All-Ivy first team selections a year ago, were named to the second team this time. Reese finished his career with a school-record 3,321 yards rushing, fifth in Ivy history, while Murray posted 56 tackles and three interceptions, giving him 13 picks for his three seasons — three shy of the school record. Guard **Matt Himelstein '02** also was named to the All-Ivy second team, while five Lions received honorable mention: defensive ends **Jerry Bailey '03** and **Brian Lysiak '02**, wide receiver **Doug Peck '03**, kicker **Sam Warren '03** and linebacker **Chris Carey '04**. Quarterback **Jeff McCall '02**, meanwhile, finished as Columbia's third-leading career passer with 4,250 yards.

■ ALL-IVY: Congratulations to the following athletes from fall teams who earned All-Ivy honors:

Women's cross-country: **Caitlin Hickin '04,** first team; **Trish Nolan '05,** second team.

Men's cross-country: **Steve Sundell '04,** first team; **John Garvie '03,** second team.

Women's soccer: **Tara Davis '04** and **Lauren Papalia '02,** first team; **Jessica Haftek '02,** second team; **Brianne Pardini '05, Meredith Corkery '03** and **Jana Whiting '05,** honorable mention.

Men's soccer: **Stephen Foster '05,** first team; **David Duffy '03,** second team; **Michael Ching '03**E and **David Lagasse '02,** honorable mention. In addition, Foster was chosen as the Ivy League Rookie of the Year.

New York Governor George Pataki was on hand for the Lions' 28-14 win over Yale at Baker Field on October 27.
PHOTO: ARIELLE JS ABRAMS

Volleyball: **Kathy Lavold '03 Barnard,** first team; **Madia Willis '04,** second team.

Field hockey: **Nikki Campbell '02,** first team; **Tina Fernandez '02,** second team; **Melissa Macomber '03,** honorable mention. It was the fourth year in a row that Campbell received All-Ivy recognition.

For more on the teams' performances, log on to: www.gocolumbialions.edu.

■ HEAD OF THE CHARLES: **Tami Deeb '02,** the coxswain for the Columbia men's lightweight crew, helped the United States women's national team to a second-place finish at the Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston this fall. Deeb was asked to join the national team by former Columbia crew coach **Tom Terhaar**, who while on leave is coaching the women's national team. "It's a huge deal, something that anyone who's ever rowed in America dreams of — the honor of rowing for the national team," said Deeb. "It was a chance to compete at a level that I hadn't been able to compete at before." The United States finished second, five seconds behind the German national team.

ALUMNI BULLETINS

■ MR. GOVERNOR: There was no close call this time around for **Jim McGreevey '78**. After narrowly failing in a bid to unseat New Jersey Governor Christie Whitman four years ago, the Democratic mayor of Woodbridge, N.J., received 56 percent of the vote and overwhelmed Republican Bret Schundler on November 6 to become New Jersey's 51st governor. Whitman had resigned to join President Bush's cabinet and her successor, Donald DiFrancesco, elected not to run for a full term.

McGreevey, the College's only sitting governor, received his J.D. in 1981 from Georgetown and his master's from Harvard a year later. He pledged in his victory speech that his administration would cross party lines to "change the way business is done in Trenton" and do away with back-room deal-making that he said had long symbolized New Jersey politics. State Senator **John Lynch**, a political patron and adviser to McGreevey, praised the governor-elect's consensus-building style, saying, "It isn't so much that he wants peace as that he sees the benefits of building a team, of trying to make people feel more comfortable with his leadership."

■ MARRIED: Congratulations to **George Stephanopoulos '82,** ABC News analyst and former Clinton adviser, upon his marriage on November 20 to actress **Alexandra Wentworth**. They were married at the Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New York. The groom's father, Robert G. Stephanopoulos, dean of the cathedral, officiated.

■ EN GARDE: Two of Columbia's all-time fencing greats, **Ann Marsh '94** and **Erinn Smart, '01 Barnard,** helped the United States win the bronze medal in women's team foil at the World Fencing Championships in Nimes, France, on October 26. It was the first women's foil medal for the United States, which defeated Romania and the Ukraine before losing to Russia in the semifinals. The U.S. fencers won the battle for third by beating Germany 45–43, avenging a loss to Germany, also for the bronze, at last year's Olympics.

TRANSITIONS

■ FUND LEADER: **Susan Levin Birnbaum** is the new director of the Columbia College Fund, succeeding **Abigail Franklin**, who has taken the position of director of major gifts in the office of University Development and Alumni Relations.

Birnbaum came to Columbia in November from the UJA-Federa-

tion, where she was director of the Special and Capital Gifts unit. Birnbaum has extensive experience in all areas of fund raising and management, having raised gifts for the UJA-Federation's annual and endowment funds, planned and implemented campaigns and projects, and developed community contacts.

Under Franklin's tenure at the College Fund, which began in April 1988, unrestricted annual giving increased from $6.0 million (FY 1997-98) to $8.1 million (FY 2000-01). In her new role, Franklin is responsible for securing major gifts from alumni for the Arts and Sciences construct, which serves the College, General Studies, the School of the Arts, GSAS and SIPA.

■ ONLINE: **Dave Kansas '90**, former editor in chief of *TheStreet.com*, has been named a deputy managing editor of *The Wall Street Journal Online*. Kansas will be responsible for directing and expanding the *Online Journal*'s coverage of money, investing and personal finance. Kansas was editor in chief of *TheStreet.com* from April 1997 to June 2001. Before that, he worked for *The Wall Street Journal* for five years, and briefly was a sports writer for *New York Newsday*.

IN MEMORIAM

■ **Marvin Harris '49**, the celebrated and controversial anthropologist who taught at Columbia from 1953–80, died on October 25, 2001. Born in Brooklyn in 1927, Harris earned his Ph.D. from Columbia in 1953 and spent the next 27 years as an anthropology professor here. He chaired the department for three years. From the time he left Columbia in 1980 until his retirement in 2000, Harris was Graduate Research Professor of Anthropology at the University of Florida, Gainesville.

Harris was a proponent of the

Marvin Harris '49

four-field approach to the discipline of anthropology, which combines cultural anthropology, anthropological linguistics, biological anthropology and archaeology. His influence spans all four fields. Harris is known as the founder of cultural materialism, a theoretical paradigm and research strategy that attempts to explain cultural practices as a result of the ways in which a culture solves the practical problems of survival. He suggested that food taboos, warfare and witchcraft originate from a society's ways of adapting to a means of subsistence. For example, Harris proposed that the Hindus did not eat cows because they needed them for other useful purposes, such as plowing fields and providing milk. Because of his views, *Smithsonian* called him "one of the most controversial anthropologists alive" in 1986. *The Washington Post* described him in 1983 as "a storm center in his field."

During his time at Columbia, Harris had a tremendous influence on the anthropology department. "When he was there, his impact was so powerful that many people in the field related Columbia anthropology with Marvin Harris," said **Myron Cohen**, professor of anthropology. Harris recognized and attempted to explain "riddles of culture" in terms of similarities as well as differences. "He was very much in favor of demystifying what people thought about other cultures in the world," said **Allan Burns**, chair of the Department of Anthropology at the University of Florida. "He was responsible for social science explanations that made sense and also were profound."

During the course of his career, Harris published 17 books that have been translated into 14 languages. In 1990, he delivered the Distinguished Lecture at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association. He was later elected as head of the association and served a one-year term. "He was a man with a vision — a real vision," said Cohen. "What was extraordinary about him, and perhaps infuriating to some, was that he clung steadfastly to his beliefs." Harris is survived by his wife, Madeline, and daughter, Susan.

■ **Eric Barnouw**, a long-time Columbia professor and a noted scholar of the broadcasting industry, died on July 19 at the age of 93 in Fair Haven, Vt. Barnouw

Linc Diamant '43 ***(holding microphone) attempts to elicit a roar from Bruno and Lady, to no avail, at the Bronx Zoo, March 24, 1942. The photograph first appeared in the*** **New York World Telegram.**

was on the Columbia faculty from 1946–73, organizing the film division in the School of the Arts and serving as its chair. He also was editor for the Columbia Center for Mass Communication.

Barnouw's career was marked by creativity, integrity, insight and a love of broadcasting. The winner of the Peabody Award in 1944 for a documentary radio series entitled "Winds at War," Barnouw is best-known for his three-volume *History of Broadcasting in the United States*, and received a Bancroft Prize in 1971 for the last volume of the series, *The Image Empire*.

Journalist **Lincoln Diamant '43** described Barnouw as a preceptor and friend. He wrote, "Associated in one way or another with Morningside throughout his brilliant career in the field of broadcast communications, Professor Barnouw, a writer of wisdom and integrity, cut a wide swath through the areas of human fallibility he encountered in the radio and television business. No wonder *The New York Times* called his monumental *History of Broadcasting in the United States* 'quite simply, what everybody who writes about television steals from.' "

Barnouw's death prompted Diamant to relate the following tale:

"I first met Professor Barnouw in the winter of 1941, when he was appointed faculty adviser to the Columbia University Radio Club, then preparing to launch a 'wired wireless' narrowcast radio station serving the Columbia campus. It was an era of distinctive radio sign-ons and sign-offs. The newly minted CURC staff, not to be outdone by chimes or sound effects, decided what the station needed was the voice of a roaring lion. Eschewing commercial prerecorded animal noise disks (and with an eye toward New York press coverage), a vote was taken to go on safari to the Bronx Zoo, but first we confronted Professor Barnouw with our plans. His response was worthy of Samuel Johnson. 'Do you propose that I accompany you to the Bronx?' he asked. 'No,' we responded. Our adviser looked enormously relieved. 'Then you have my permission to go.' And so we did.

"CURC (progenitor of WKCR) set up its microphones and recording equipment close to the cage of Bruno and (pregnant) Lady. Captain Jack Aubrey (myself) climbed into a lion's suit borrowed for the occasion, and we were off and rolling. Two of New York's evening newspapers, corralled by **Eugine Serchinger '43**, were sufficiently intrigued to assign a photographer to cover our hijinks. But the CURC safari blanked out. The two lions simply refused to roar. They merely stared at the follow lion cavorting outside the cage. The play-by-play of **Len Koppett '44** proved to be all talk and no action.

"CURC's recording engineer, **Martin L. Scheiner '44**, remained bent over his acetate recording, oblivious to anything other that what he could hear through his headphones, which suddenly turned into a stifled gasp from the crowd. It seems Lady had had enough. She slowly backed up against the bard of her cage and fired a magnificent arc of urine at least a dozen feet through the air, intuitively choosing the engineer and his recording equipment as her primary target. Marty's head and shoulders bore the full brunt of the attack.

"We dutifully reported back the afternoon's failure to Professor Barnouw, who seemed hugely amused by our escapade."

Top left, Phil Milstein '71 poses with his wife, Cheryl, and children, Joshua and Meredith (back) and Lawrence and Toby (front). At left, Uptown Vocal entertains the crowd in Low Rotunda with a special Music Hum medley. Top right, Phil and Cheryl Milstein (a Barnard alumna and school trustee) join two presidents, Judith Shapiro of Barnard and George Rupp of Columbia. Above, Milstein is joined by Kassie and Carlos Muñoz '57, Olympic medalist Cristina Teuscher '00 and her fiance, Chris Totman '00. Below, from left, CC Alumni Association President Jerry Sherwin '55, Dean Austin Quigley, Milstein and Rupp.

Milstein Receives Hamilton Medal

PHOTOS: EILEEN BARROSO

Philip L. Milstein '71, president and CEO of Emigrant Savings Bank and a University trustee, received the 2001 Alexander Hamilton Medal before an enthusiastic crowd of more than 440 alumni, students, faculty, administrators and guests at a black-tie dinner in Low Rotunda on November 13. Dean Austin Quigley praised Milstein, whose $10 million gift in 1998 was instrumental in the renovation of the Milstein Family College Library in Butler, as "someone who sets a standard for all of us." President George Rupp called Milstein "an exemplar of loyal and creative action on behalf of the future of the College." The dinner was co-chaired by Milstein's classmate, Mark Kingdon '71, and fellow trustee Richard Witten '75.

The Architecture of Columbia
Educational Visions in Conflict

A battleground of ideas, mission, relationship to city

By Hilary Ballon

Hilary Ballon is a professor in the Department of Art History and Archaeology and a past recipient of the Great Teacher Award. This is adopted from remarks she delivered when she received the award from the Society of Columbia Graduates in October 2000, and a Dean's Day presentation in April 2001.

Some may gripe about the facilities and a shortage of space, but in my line of work, architectural history, Columbia's home on Morningside Heights is considered a landmark. A masterpiece of campus planning, it is the fullest translation of City Beautiful ideals into urban form in America. The campus has attained this status not because individual buildings meet a consistently high standard of excellence — actually, the campus has many dreadful buildings. But as an ensemble, the campus is a significant architectural achievement.

Given the artistic merits of the design, we tend to read the campus as a well-coordinated whole, a unified entity. I'd like to offer a counter reading. Rather than indicate how the parts fit into a harmonious composition, I want to present the architecture of the campus as a battleground — a battleground of opposing ideas about education, the mission of the University and its relationship to the city. For this we must consider the architectural implications of two educational issues: the first hinges on the relationship of Columbia with New York City, the second on the relationship of the College and the University. While I will focus on the formative era between 1894 and 1910 when the Morningside campus was taking shape, the conflicts at stake a century ago persisted in the ensuing decades, shaped the ongoing development of the campus, and remain relevant to this day.

The view of South Field from Low Library, before 116th Street was closed to traffic and Butler Library enclosed the south edge of the campus, c.1926.

The relocation of Columbia from its cramped quarters on Madison Avenue and 49th Street to Morningside Heights coincided with a formal renaming of the University in 1896: Columbia College was henceforth called Columbia University in the City of New York. The new name broadcast the twin goals of President Seth Low, the visionary leader who championed the move to Morningside. First, he sought to transform a sleepy, relatively undistinguished college into a modern research university along the lines of Johns Hopkins and German research universities. Second, Low was committed to develop Columbia as a major urban institution, integrated in the life of the city — hence the insistence on the University's identification with the City of New York in its clunky new name. The design of the Morningside campus was intertwined with its reorganization. It was the duty of the architecture not only to accommodate the new research program but to communicate the ambitious, reformulated mission of Columbia to the public at large.

Some trustees supported the idea of relocating Columbia to a bucolic patch in Westchester. This suggestion reflected the widespread view in America that the country was a more appropriate environment for higher education. Indeed, the very word campus, which was first used to describe Princeton University, indicated a rural setting. The city was deemed inhospitable to collegiate life because of its dangers and distractions, which gentlemen would do better to avoid. Others considered the commercial ethos of Manhattan as antithetical to the requirements of intellectual pursuit. Admittedly, if you conceive of

college as an Ivory Tower, it is better not to locate in the commercial capital of the world. But Low rejected the model of intellectual withdrawal and saw the diversity of urban life as a resource of the University. He considered it an advantage to educate men in an urban setting. "The great city itself," he explained, "gives a view of life which is no slight part of the student's education."

The choice in 1893 of an urban site, Morningside Heights, did not in and of itself assure the realization of Low's university ideal. Low came to understand that his vision depended on the way the campus was designed — on the layout of the buildings, on their style, and their relation to the city streets. The trustees entertained different plans, in different architectural styles. In one respect the trustees proceeded cautiously and were indecisive: dissatisfied with the alternatives, they asked the three competing architects to collaborate and produce a compromise plan. Yet this initial hesitation pales beside their boldness in making another decision: unlike virtually every other college in America, Columbia would not be built in the Gothic style. Gothic was the style of the midtown buildings designed by C.C. Haight, and the style of the great English universities, after which so many American schools, including Yale, modeled themselves.

Gothic was also the style of the new urban universities — the University of Chicago, City University of New York (designed in 1897), and later our neighbors on the Heights, including Teachers College. There were only two classical precedents: the University of Virginia, which was to some extent a model for Columbia, and Union College in Schenectady, N.Y.

The meaning of collegiate Gothic can be understood by considering the University of Chicago, which was established in 1890. At the request of the trustees, architect Henry Ives Cobb designed the master plan in the English Gothic style. The enclosed Gothic quadrangles were intended to protect and seclude the students, and to block out, as one writer put it, "the dark congestion of the mercantile city." In describing the mission of the University of Chicago, the leadership employed ecclesiastical metaphors that the medieval cloisters reinforced, describing the university as "a priest, a keeper of sacred and significant traditions." The cloistered quadrangles in Gothic style perfectly captured the idea of the campus as a place apart.

In rejecting the Gothic style and choosing the classicist Charles Follen McKim as architect of Columbia, President Low and the trustees intended to present the University not as a place apart but as a specifically metropolitan institution, bound to New York City. Classicism was the language of the polis, and Low Library, its steps and plaza, called the South Court, were conceived as a civic monument more than a collegiate one.

McKim maintained a tension in his plan between permeability and enclosure.

University buildings along Broadway, 1907: (left to right) Havemeyer, Engineering (Mathematics), Earl, and School of Mines (Lewisohn).

The civic quality of McKim's 1894 plan was reinforced by another feature that has been greatly altered and is difficult to recognize today, namely the considerable openness of the original campus to the city. As originally developed, the campus was far more closely integrated with the urban fabric than it is today. Remember that the original campus did not include South Field, and 116th Street was open to traffic. Low Library and the area in front of it faced a public street from which it was not sharply separated. In fact, Low rejected a proposed gate that would have served to privatize South Court, insisting on public access and the civic nature of the space. McKim's steadfast opposition to planting the South Court with trees emerged as well from his view that the design "must be wholly municipal in character." McKim's references underscored this point: He compared South Court to the Piazza San Marco in Venice, the piazza in front of St. Peter's in Rome, and the steps of the Capitol in Washington, D.C.

In addition to the open treatment along 116th Street, other connections were made between city streets and the campus. The Grove at the north end of the campus, along the 120th Street, was at street level, and broad, inviting staircases were located on the cross axis of the composition, behind the chapel where the steps lead to Amsterdam Avenue, and behind Earl Hall where the wide stairs lead to Broadway.

Another key feature of McKim's design is that the classroom buildings sit on a granite platform. As the site slopes downward to the north, the height of the granite platform increases, as does the overall height of the buildings. But from within the campus, the buildings appear equally tall. The platform disguises the irregularity arising from the sloping site by establishing a platform, or in architectural terminology, a common datum above which the brick walls rise. The platform creates the appearance of unity among the classroom buildings, which was one of McKim's goals. But the platform also elevates the buildings above street level, and creates what is often described as a "fortress wall" along the street. Indeed, the large blocks of granite and the battered, slightly sloping wall allude to the architecture of fortification, as if the campus needs protection from the surrounding neighborhood.

The sloping topography of the site may well explain the increasing height of the granite base, but topography does not account for the fortress effect. That was McKim's design choice in order to alleviate the openness of the plan and provide more tranquil classroom precincts lifted above the hubbub of city streets. McKim maintained a tension in his plan between permeability and enclosure, although later campus designers used McKim's vocabulary to create a far more enclosed environment. Compare, for example, McKim's scheme in 1899 for dormitories in the Grove with the current

situation on 120th Street, where a cliff of granite seals off the campus and entirely disconnects it from the street.

Even the classroom quadrangles were not fully enclosed or cloistered spaces. The quadrangles were framed by free-standing buildings which McKim conceived as flexible envelopes for learning. At Chicago, some faculty and critics condemned the Gothic style as an inappropriate expression of modern research, such as took place in the Kent Chemical Laboratory. Thorsten Veblen, for one, belittled "the strange spectacle of modern scientific research taking place behind a medieval dream façade."

McKim's pavilions, such as Fayerweather, conveyed a different message. On the inside he tapped the structural advantages of the steel frame so that partitions and uses could be adjusted over time. On the outside, he varied the decoration and use of classical elements to create a hierarchy in relation to Low Library. Because Kent and Dodge framed the long-distance diagonal views of Low, they were designed with a colonnade to echo its columns. (The colonnades became nearly impossible to see once 116th Street was closed off in 1953 and thickly planted in a treatment antithetical to the spirit of McKim's design.) The buildings facing Low and on the same platform were also designed with a colossal order; Avery is the lone example of this type, because the other projected inner buildings were not built. And perimeter buildings like Fayerweather and Mathematics had no classical order.

In order to set Low Library apart and defer to its austere limestone walls, McKim chose brick for the subordinate pavilions — specifically a dark red brick used in American colonial buildings, known as Harvard brick. The combination of brick and limestone trim, to which we are now accustomed, struck architectural critics of the time as discordant. Brick normally calls for a modest, colonial treatment that is at odds with the great massing of the buildings and the large scale of the ornamental décor. Montgomery Schuyler, a leading architectural critic of the day, railed against the hybrid marriage of brick and limestone, classical and colonial, as "a contradiction in terms." The Columbia buildings were a failure in his view. "You can take them for a hospital, for a group of official buildings, for almost anything but what it is. You may admit that [the style] is 'municipal.' But you cannot possibly maintain that it is 'collegiate.'" That municipal effect is a key to the design.

The second issue concerns the identity of the College within a research University. Low's conception of Columbia privileged the idea of the University as a center of advanced research, with the library at the center of the plan. As alumni unhappily noted, McKim's plan provided no home for the College. But even if one of the original quadrangles had been designated for the College, McKim's design did not allow for the differentiation of those dependent spaces. His architectural system unified the parts and subordinated them to Low Library. Alumni wanted the College to have a distinct identity, which meant a distinct architectural form. The spatial problem reflected a broader educational challenge: how to foster the Collegiate mission in the context of a research-oriented University?

McKim's original plan of 1894 crystallized the University ideal. Low believed that campus space should only be allocated for departments and schools, and opposed building dormitories

Low was committed to develop Columbia as a major urban institution, integrated in the life of the city.

Above, a view of the enlarged campus from Amsterdam Avenue, designed by McKim, Mead & White in 1903. Rendering by H.M. Pettit. The quadrangle in the foreground was designated for college buildings; the two inner buildings were never constructed.
PHOTO: COLUMBIANA

President Seth Low and the Columbia trustees chose Charles Follen McKim's classicism, as in Fayerweather Hall (above), to present the University not as a place apart, but as an institution bound to New York City.

At left, West 120th Street, looking toward Broadway, c.1910. The Grove, a park at the north end of the campus, was enclosed by a simple gate and accessible from the street. Teacher's College is at right. At right, a paving sign on College Walk identifies the College campus, with (from left) Butler Library, Carman, Lerner and Furnald in the background.

on the campus. He felt that the real estate market would meet the housing needs of students, and that the University should only tend to their intellectual lives. Accordingly, the original plan of the University did not include any dormitories. Low sought donations to build University Hall, which was to play the role of a student center, with a dining hall on the main floor and gymnasium on the lower level. The building was started and a gym installed; you can see its footprint to this day in the Business School Library. But College alumni were not interested in funding a University building, and University Hall was never finished; it remained as it was until 1962, when Uris Hall was built for the Business School. Alumni were, however, willing to fund College buildings and dorms.

It took a change of leadership and the enlargement of the campus in 1903 to create a home for the College in the southeast quadrant of the expanded site. Hamilton opened in 1907, and two dorms, Hartley and Wallach (originally called Livingston), soon followed. These buildings do not have an architecturally distinct identity from those surrounding Low. Such is the force of McKim's plan and the unified vocabulary of the University that the College does not read as a place apart. This continuity is reinforced by the fact that the inner buildings of the projected quadrangles were never built. In architectural terms, the identity of the College is submerged in that of the University as a whole. Hence, visitors to the campus need to be told where the College is. A sign on a walkway and pennants on flagpoles can hardly counteract the more powerful message of the design: open space flows continuously from the steps of Low Library to the doors of Butler, and binds the surrounding buildings into a whole. The ground inscription is at once necessary and unconvincing because of the unifying framework of McKim's University plan, which makes it difficult to carve out an enclave for the College.

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College buildings as they appeared in the 1920s: (left to right) Hamilton, Hartley, Wallach (formerly Livingston) and John Jay.

Dormitories were an achievement of Nicolas Murray Butler, who had a different view of the University from his predecessor, Low. Butler wanted a self-contained campus, more disconnected from the city. He considered Columbia's "metropolitan condition," as he put it, a "nuisance." Low had wanted the student population to represent the social composition of the city; he had sought to attract the graduates of the city's public high schools, and before the subway opened, he worried that the move to Morningside Heights would make the school less accessible. Butler, on the other hand, favored the traditional model of a boarding college for which dormitories were essential. It is especially interesting how dormitory construction advanced a particular social project and a new concept of selectivity, which Butler helped to define.

Butler wanted to reduce the number of New Yorkers who attended Columbia College, because New York City students were disproportionately from immigrant families and Jewish. In order to attract larger numbers of young Episcopalian gentlemen, the future leaders of the country, Butler made an effort to nationalize the College, that is, to draw students from outside New York City. Whereas before 1910 the prevailing view in higher education had been that qualified students should not be turned away, Butler helped to develop the notion of "selective admission," whereby a college conveyed its distinction and prestige by turning away qualified students. Application forms were modified in 1919 to inquire about family history; the forms asked not only for the candidate's place of birth, but his religion, his father's place of birth and his father's occupation. The application also required a photograph of the applicant and an interview.

This change in admissions policies produced the desired effect. From 1920 to 1930, that is the first decade of the new admissions policy, the percentage of Columbia students coming from New York City dropped from 54 percent to 23 percent, and what one administrator called "the invasion of the Jewish student" was contained. Dean of the College Herbert E. Hawkes informed Yale's director of admissions in 1930 that "the proportion of Jews in Columbia has been reduced from about 40 percent to 20 percent." But the issue of selectivity, of who should be admitted to Columbia, persisted. In 1933 President Butler instructed Dean Hawkes: "I don't know whether it is at all practicable, but it would be highly judicious if…some way could be found to see to it that individuals of the undesirable type did not get in Columbia College, no matter what their record in the very important matter of As and Bs."

Dormitories enabled Butler to promote his elitist and more homogenous vision of the student body. New Yorkers did not need dormitories or could not afford them; local boys commuted from home. Dormitories were needed for out-of-town students. The creation of a residential College separated the wealthier, often Episcopalian students whom Butler valued more highly from the day students who commuted from the Lower East Side, Brooklyn and places farther removed. Dorms also fostered student interaction and placed more emphasis on social activities. This communal social life tended to focus the undivided loyalty of residential students on the College, unlike commuting students who retained competing urban attachments.

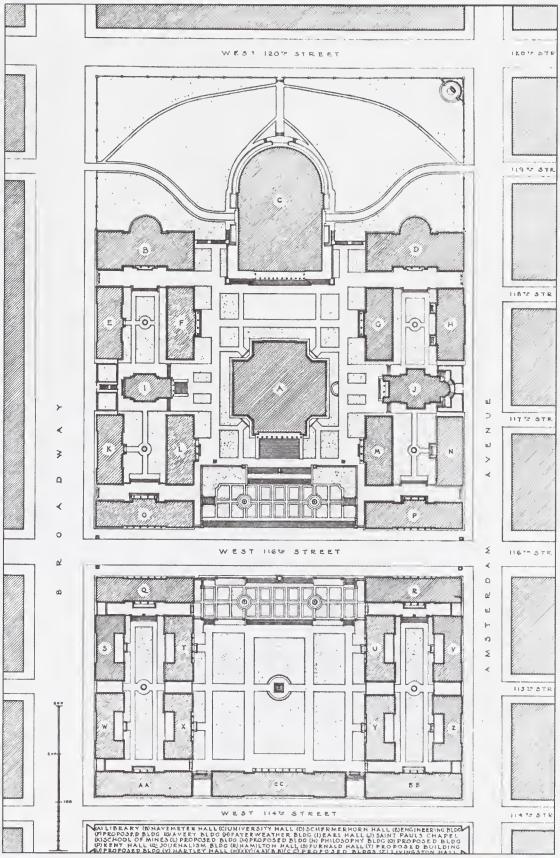
It is strikingly consistent with Butler's anti-urban vision that Butler Library bears his name. This site, on the south side of the campus, had presented difficulties for McKim and others wedded to a more open, permeable campus. Originally, Low towered over an open site to the south, but as the neighborhood became urbanized and the campus was enlarged, it became desirable to close the south edge of the campus. McKim had proposed locating the president's house on the far side of 114th

Street in a gesture toward integrating the University buildings with the city. But the site stood empty as the dormitory building program took precedence, until Butler Library, which was completed in 1934, sealed off that edge. (It was not named after President Butler until 1949, a year after his retirement.)

The tensions between urban integration and campus enclosure, and between the residential college and the research university, are not an undesirable condition. On the contrary, they are essential to the vitality and identity of Columbia. It is not just that teaching and scholarship enrich one another, or that the city presents us with a wealth of educational resources. These educational frictions, which assume architectural form on our campus, are a productive stimulus and heighten the learning process.

In the late 19th century, at a time when other colleges were accepting women, Columbia would not allow women to enroll but offered in 1883 a "Collegiate Course for Women." Women could meet with professors at the beginning of the term to get reading assignments, and were to reappear at the end of term to take exams. They could not attend classes, but if successful on the exams, they got a Columbia degree. The course for women was the 19th-century equivalent of an online course, and the Columbia librarian, Melvil Dewey, considered the program absurd. "Obviously," he declared, "if women could get from a few examinations all that men got from daily intercourse with faculty and with students, and from hundreds of lectures and work in the laboratories, then either women were miraculously gifted, or else — and this was an alternative pretty serious to contemplate — all the millions and millions [of dollars] in college endowments, in laboratories and lecture halls, were just so much sheer waste."

In the past decade, much energy has been focused on the educational possibilities of the computer and of long-distance, online learning which supposedly reduces the advantage of location. This exploration at the technological frontier and the changes it has produced in the delivery of information should also drive us to clarify our educational mission on this campus. Why, it's fair to ask, does it make a difference to study here, in these buildings, on Morningside Heights? My answer relates to the productive tensions between city, University and College, which are expressed in the architecture and which distinguish the educational mission of this great institution. Columbia University in the City of New York embraces the pursuit of knowledge and unconstrained intellectual inquiry not in spite of but in conjunction with the responsibilities of civic engagement and urban citizenship. This combination gives the project of humanistic education a sense of urgency and an enduring value.



Top, a plan of Columbia University by McKim, Mead & White, published in 1915. The original campus north of 116th Street, designed in 1894, was extended to 114th Street by the addition of South Field in 1903. PHOTO: COLUMBIANA

At left, the corner of Broadway and 116th Street in the late 1920s. Note the cars on 116th Street, which was closed to traffic in 1953 and renamed College Walk. The columns on the School of Business (Dodge Hall), in the foreground (at left), and Kent Hall, in the distance, refer to the great columns of Low Library, but this visual relationship was obscured by the landscaping of College Walk (above).

Alfred Lerner Hall, Broadway Dorm Reaffirm Columbia-NYC Connection

Columbia's two most recent buildings, Alfred Lerner Hall and the Broadway Residence Hall (which opened in 1999 and 2000, respectively), reaffirm the University's connection with New York City. Although the buildings differ in important ways, they share an urban outlook and demonstrate a goal of George Rupp's presidency: to strengthen and enrich the University's relationship with the community.

Both buildings were designed by world-class architects who understand Columbia's traditions and aspirations. Lerner Hall is the work of Bernard Tschumi, dean of the School of Architecture, Preservation and Planning. The Broadway dormitory was designed by Robert A.M. Stern '60, a former Columbia faculty member who is now the dean of the School of Architecture at Yale. Part of their architectural challenge was to make buildings that conveyed the identity of the University while responding to the streetscape and urban context, buildings about Columbia and the City of New York.

The Broadway façade of Lerner adopts the architectural features of the University buildings to its north, such as Furnald.
PHOTO: ALEX SACHARE '71

The atrium of Lerner Hall, with its five-story glass wall, affords a spectacular view of campus.
PHOTO: EILEEN BARROSO

Lerner Hall has two distinct faces: a stone and brick building faces Broadway, and a lower block with a spellbinding glass wall is oriented to the campus. Lerner Hall has an important urbanistic job because it is the first central campus building visible from a southern approach. Lerner forms part of the Broadway elevation of the campus that runs from 114th to 120th Street, and it declares its University affiliation by adopting the materials, proportions and architectural features of the buildings to the north. The pink granite base and top story of stone, the moldings, cornice and roof line — all these elements are repeated at Lerner, but with a telling change. The Broadway façade of Lerner does not produce the fortress effect of its Columbia neighbors. Instead of an impenetrable base punctuated by grated windows, as in Furnald, Lerner Hall features a series of glass doors leading to Roone Arledge Auditorium and the University bookstore, where pedestrians also have an inviting view of the atrium inside the hall. The use of glass at street level as well as in the third floor — Tschumi wittily used glass brick instead of limestone in this zone — hints at the importance of glass, which is fully visible on the campus side.

Pass through the Broadway gate and a different aspect of Lerner comes into view. A stunning wall of glass dominates the ramped walkway and affords one of the genuine architectural pleasures of the campus. From the walkway you can observe the beautifully detailed structure of the truss, cantilevered support arms and X-shaped brackets that hold the glass plates in place; the spatial volume of the atrium where ceiling windows reveal patches of sky; the dynamic pattern of the aerial ramps which seem like extensions of the ramp you ascend outside the building; and, of course, the shifting patterns of people on the move. In daylight, the glass wall is transparent and invites you to look inside, but at night, in a marvelous reversal, the blue lights of the ramps draw attention to the substance and supporting structures of the wall. Lerner Hall becomes our Times Square.

The atrium is the pulsating heart of Lerner, a great volume of space that rises five floors. The atrium is designed for viewing. The ramps and walkways offer a seemingly infinite number of views through the space, into flanking rooms — restaurants, auditorium, seminar and activity rooms — and out, across the campus. These intriguing views are another distinctive pleasure. My favorite is the panorama of the South Lawn and Low Library seen on the diagonal and through the gridded pattern of the glass

wall, an overlay that evokes for me the energizing tension between city and University.

The atrium of Lerner is also about movement. Circulation is not boxed into a stairwell; it is on display. Lerner Hall captures and sustains on its interior walkways and diagonal ramps the energy and movement of Broadway, New York's boldest diagonal. The scene is always changing, like the activity banners on display or the students checking in at the 6,000 mailboxes. Lerner Hall celebrates movement and the intrigue of looking, and fuses the pulse of student life with that of New York City. It is a quintessentially urban building.

The Broadway dormitory rises a block to the south, at the corner of 113th Street, and like Lerner, it has two distinct faces. The Broadway façade resembles apartment buildings in the area and pertains to the patterns of the avenue, whereas the 113th Street side expresses something of collegiate life in the dorm.

It is instructive to compare the new dormitory with Hogan Hall, the adjacent 1898 building that was not originally a dorm. Hogan Hall is set back from the building line, and a flight of steps lifts the main entrance above street level. The building literally withdraws from the street, whereas the Broadway dormitory participates in the culture of the avenue. Designed with shop fronts along Broadway, the building contains retail space (occupied by a video store) and a branch of the New York Public Library. The University has had a long-standing relationship with the New York Public Library dating back to 1937, when the Morningside branch was installed on 114th Street in the back of Butler Library. The facilities in the Broadway dormitory significantly expand the library's resources. It has 17,000 square feet, 10 times the area of its nook on 114th Street, and includes meeting space available to the public. Finally, the Broadway location gives the library greater prominence in the neighborhood it serves.

The height and brick color of the Broadway dormitory were modified by the University in response to community concerns.
PHOTO: ALEX SACHARE '71

The collegiate functions of the dormitory are revealed on 113th Street, where the 14-story building is shaped like a U. The side wings contain the dorm rooms; there are 371 beds in the building. The middle section, which is set back from the side street, contains elevators, kitchens and lounges on every floor. The layout provides wonderful southern views of New York City from the moment the elevator doors open, but also visually connects the wings of the dorm to the center where communal activities take place. Although the building is visually oriented to 113th Street, circulation moves in the opposite direction. There is no access to 113th Street; students enter the dormitory from 114th Street, through a handsome doorway opposite the Carman gate. The entry corridor and lounge, which extend midway through the block, are cleverly inserted behind Hogan Hall with passageways opened up between the buildings. The Broadway dormitory, Hogan and nearby Watt were conceived as a senior residence center, and the Senior Class Center is located on the ground floor of the new residence hall.

The Broadway dormitory reflects community concerns in another, more significant way. During the design process, the University solicited the reactions of community representatives. In response to their concerns, Stern made three key changes in his scheme. First, the height of the building was reduced from 21 to 14 stories, the prevailing height on this part of Broadway. Second, the color of brick was changed from Columbia's characteristic red to tan, so that the building would blend with its surroundings. Third, the University preserved the façade of a townhouse on 113th Street designed by George Keister in 1903 — the Sigma Chi fraternity house where Lou Gehrig '25 once lived. Although the finest designs are not produced by committee, the working process associated with the Broadway dormitory is a meaningful achievement. Some critics may fret about the whimsical gazebo on the roof or the fake balustrades over brick walls; they may lament the treatment of the townhouse façade, which survives as a relic, detached from the building it once adorned. But it is more important, at this point in time, that the Broadway dormitory has initiated a new era of collaboration between Columbia and the Morningside neighborhood.

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With the United Nations, Fernando Ortiz '79 works to construct legal systems in Kosovo and Afghanistan

By Laura Butchy

ORDER FROM CHAOS

In the fall of 1999, Fernando Ortiz '79 was well on his way toward earning his pension, having worked for the New York Police Department for 14 years. He'd become heavily involved in alumni affairs at Columbia, was midway through his two-year term as vice president of the alumni Outreach Committee and was working with current students through the Latino Mentor program. He was enjoying time with his wife, Ofelia, and their two children, who were rapidly approaching high school.

Then, one Saturday, he received a phone call from the 38th floor of the United Nations building, the floor that houses Secretary General Kofi Annan.

Will you go to Kosovo for us on Monday?

"I took the leap of faith," Ortiz says, "and I went to Kosovo."

Within two days, arrangements had been made, plane tickets and visas were ready and Ortiz began working for the U.N. Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK), a world away from Columbia and New York City. Arriving in Pristina as a legal officer, he immediately was faced with the devastation: empty streets and smoking ruins, no one working or going to school, little water or food — and no one in charge.

Ortiz's role, as part of the U.N. Department of Peacekeeping Operations, was to help establish a law enforcement system in Kosovo. "I set up the local judicial system including the Supreme Court, the Five District Courts and the Municipal and Commercial courts," Ortiz explains.

He also wrote a guide for a tribunal to prosecute war criminals. He says the hope is to make Kosovo more secure while working toward a political framework, economic reconstruction and humanitarian assistance.

"Fernando played an important role," says Michael Jorsback, who was deputy police commissioner in charge of UNMIK police in Kosovo. "[He] gave advice within the Judicial Affairs Department and liaised with the legal officers in the UNMIK Police legal section."

Ortiz pauses to recognize the tomb of an unknown Albanian in Kosovo.

A dedicated family man, Fernando Ortiz '79 is devoted to his daughter, Christine; his son, Fernando III; and his wife, Ofelia.

While much remains to be done in Kosovo, Ortiz now has an additional focus: Afghanistan. At first, he was asked to go there in early December, but then it was decided it would be safer to send two non-American delegates for the initial U.N. survey team. "Police and judicial experts will conduct a preliminary assessment of Afghanistan's needs," Ortiz says, "to help develop the mandate."

Once that mandate has been approved, Ortiz expects to be dispatched to Afghanistan, where he anticipates a difficult time trying to develop a judicial system. "Kosovo had judges, lawyers and prosecutors who had been out of practice for 10 years because of [Slobodan] Milosevic," he says. "The problem with Afghanistan is that there is no middle class. We don't have trained people already there."

As a member of the U.N. Secretariat, Ortiz represents 189 member countries. "If terrorism is an attack on the civilized world, then it is by definition an attack on the United Nations as an organization," he says. "It is both a challenge and a warning — a challenge to do better in all spheres, and a warning that conflicts and poverty and injustice, if allowed to take root, will fester and give rise to frustration, desperation and violence."

Ortiz was encouraged in his humanitarian pursuits by his parents, who emigrated from Puerto Rico and worked multiple jobs to put him through Catholic school in the South Bronx. He became the first person in his family to earn a college degree, followed by his younger sister, who works for the U.N. in The Hague.

After studying political science and Spanish literature at Columbia, Ortiz pursued his master's in Madrid, then attended NYU Law School on a full scholarship. From 1982-84, Ortiz interned for a think

In order to move between the five regions of Kosovo, Ortiz traveled with both military and police escorts throughout his stay. After flying in by United Nations helicopter, he often was driven in an armored car accompanied by a "close protection unit" of bodyguards.

tank as a U.N. Institute for Training and Research Fellow. He then worked for NYC in various capacities, beginning as an examining attorney in the Department of Investigation and moving to the police department as an assistant advocate and then agency attorney.

"Fernando's background from police [work] was important," Jorsback says. "[Fernando] was the only legal officer in Judicial Affairs who understood police legal problems."

Then came the call from a former co-worker at the U.N. who remembered his work there 14 years earlier, and in the fall of 1999, Ortiz joined the U.N. Department of Judicial Affairs. After arriving in Macedonia, he traveled to Pristina, the capital of Kosovo, a six-hour bus ride that took him past mass gravesites. When he found an apartment after several days, there was no electricity, water or heat. Ortiz traveled in an armored vehicle, with military or police escort, when visiting the five regions of Kosovo to interview potential judges.

"I came face to face with the trauma of an entire population that had been terrified and hounded out of their homes or into hiding," Ortiz remembers. "There was little acknowledgment of what these people had just endured, and true justice still had not been done."

The Department of Judicial Affairs established intermediary measures to increase the effectiveness of the legal system. International judges and prosecutors were employed and existing Kosovo law was supplemented with regulations against hatred and intolerance. After five months, though, only 35 trials, in one region of Kosovo, had been completed for more than 400 murders. According to Ortiz, a culture of silence was keeping witnesses from testifying.

"Biases stemming from decades of ethnic conflict have negatively impacted the ability of prosecutors and judges to perform their functions," Ortiz says. "The inability of law enforcement authorities to provide full protection to members of the judiciary, victims and witnesses has enabled certain defendants to manipulate the outcome of criminal proceedings through intimidation."

Since then, changes to criminal procedure have begun providing more protection for witnesses and allowing police officers, rather than international civilian police, a more significant role in investigations. Appointed judges are being systematically phased out and replaced by newly elected local and regional judges.

Even when he was in Kosovo, Ortiz remembered Columbia. "Professor Billy Thompson had an impact on me because he taught me how important it was to pay attention to details and symbolisms in medieval Spanish literature," Ortiz says. "My trip to Kosovo reminded me of the medieval period, so that course made me feel right at home."

Ortiz's loyalty to the College has been evident in his continuing involvement as a devoted alumnus. He has received the Charles Bjorkwall Prize for outstanding service to the College community and belongs to the Latino Alumni Association. He was the first alumnus to be cited for outstanding achievement by the Higher Education Opportunity Program and has served as a counselor for HEOP. He also served as the first vice president of the Columbia College Alumni Association's Outreach Committee.

In March 1999, he helped launch the Latino Mentor program, which matches Latino students with alumni contacts. Jorge Herrera '01, president of his class, was paired with Ortiz for two years and successfully campaigned for Ortiz to receive the first Latino Alumni Mentor Award last April.

"He instilled a confidence in me," Herrera says of Ortiz. "Even when he was in Europe, he called me. Our personalities clicked. We both love the law and aspire to use the law not for personal gain but for love and desire to help people."

In addition to his dedication to the College, Ortiz is a devoted family man who hopes to be a positive role model, as his parents were to him. His wife, Ofelia, who is originally from Peru, has worked at the U.N. for more than 20 years as special assistant to the legal counsel. They have two children: Christine (15) attends Bronx High School of Science, and Fernando III (12) is in parochial school in Queens. Both, Ortiz says with pride, hope to attend the College.

After returning to New York in November 2000, Ortiz officially began working in U.N. headquarters as legal officer to the civilian police and military divisions, providing legal guidance, developing doctrine, and serving as legal counsel to the police and military advisers.

Ortiz returned to Kosovo for a brief trip in August 2001 to respond to complaints by accused Serbian war criminals that they had been jailed for more than a year with no trial dates set. Ortiz prompted the local courts to set dates and handled other grievances, but says much remains to be done.

"The intervention by NATO in Kosovo in the first place was to protect a minority and to ensure the human rights of the oppressed and vulnerable," he says. "Our efforts to do the same for the current minorities, particularly the Serbs, have failed. I believe this is the single most important issue that will ultimately determine how we will be judged — our ability to protect the minorities."

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(Clockwise from top left) Ortiz frequently traveled with international police while moving between regions of Kosovo. A somber memorial commemorates 19 executions of local community members in 1999. The government office building that served as Ortiz's workplace is clearly part of a nation in turmoil, with few windows left unbroken. Upon Ortiz's arrival, much of Pristina, Kosovo's capital, looked like this site behind the U.N. building. Many areas are marked by gravesites remembering women and children who were tortured or buried alive.

Bookshelf

Nine American Jewish Thinkers by *Milton R. Konvitz*. The Jewish exemplars appraised in this volume include Supreme Court Justice Benjamin Cardozo (Class of 1889) and Marxist intellectual Sidney Hook, who attended the Graduate School (Transaction Books, $29.95).

OPUS by *Edward Alexander '41*. In the former Foreign Service officer's third thriller, an American Columbia graduate and Soviet cultural affairs officer get caught in a web of intrigue when they team up to track down a lost Beethoven concerto (Xlibris, $34.99 cloth, $24.99 paper).

Conversations With Elie Wiesel by *Elie Wiesel* and *Richard D. Heffner '46*, edited by *Thomas J. Vinciguerra '85*. These lively and wide-ranging colloquies between the Nobel Peace Prize-winning author and the longtime host of public television's *The Open Mind* were edited by the former managing editor of *Columbia College Today*, now deputy editor of *The Week* (Schocken Books, $23).

Brotherly Love: A Poem by *Daniel Hoffman'47*. A reprint of the celebrated, extended 1981 poem revolving around William Penn's Quaker vision of America; by the former Poet Laureate of the United States (University of Pennsylvania Press, $15.95 paper).

Addiction Free: How to Help an Alcoholic or Addict Get Started on Recovery by *Gene Hawes '49* and *Anderson Hawes*. The latest information on six proven methods (ranging from Alcoholics Anonymous to law enforcement) that can help friends or loved ones fight the demons oppressing them (Thomas Dunne Books/St. Martin's Press, $24.95).

Taking Science to the Moon: Lunar Experiments and the Apollo Program by *Donald A. Beattie '51*. Conceived as a Cold War statement of America's moral superiority, the Apollo missions offered scientists an unforeseen opportunity for one-of-a-kind experiments in lunar and cosmological research (Johns Hopkins University Press, $42.50).

The Grandfather Thing by *Saul Turteltaub '54*. An affectionate yet comedic month-by-month chronicle of a grandson's first year from a Hollywood comedy writer and proud grandfather (Tallfellow Press, $16.95).

Wingless Eagle: U.S. Army Aviation Through World War I by *Herbert A. Johnson '55*. An exploration of the first 15 years of American military aviation, when political, organizational and technical factors stunted development and forced American pilots to fly European aircraft during World War I (University of North Carolina Press, $34.95).

Broadway, The Golden Years: Jerome Robbins and the Great Choreographer-Directors, 1940 to the Present by *Robert Emmet Long '56*. Robbins and five other theatrical giants provide the basis of a wide-ranging, colorful history of the Great White Way and its uniquely American fusion of song and dance (Continuum, $35).

Databases and Transaction Processing: An Application-Oriented Approach by *Philip M. Lewis, Arthur Bernstein '57* and *Michael Kifer*. A textbook on the theoretical and engineering concepts underlying database and transaction processing systems that are at the heart of our modern information-age technology (Addison Wesley, $91).

Aunt Rachel's Fur by *Raymond Federman '57*. A French expatriate, back in his homeland after a decade in the United States, weaves his life's story — in a series of disjointed vignettes — to a "professional listener" in a Parisian café (FC2, $13.95 paper).

PDR for Nutritional Supplements. *Sheldon Saul Hendler '57* was one of the two chief editors of the first-of-its-kind, physicians' desk reference compendium of accurate information in the growing field of nutritional medicine (Medical Economics/Thomson Healthcare, $59.95).

The Dybbuk and the Yiddish Imagination: A Haunted Reader, edited and translated from the Yiddish by *Joachim Neugroschel '58*. This anthology traces three centuries of Jewish and Yiddish supernatural poetry and literature that form the backdrop to S. Ansky's *The Dybbuk*, which is translated anew for this volume (Syracuse University Press, $49.95 cloth, $24.95 paper).

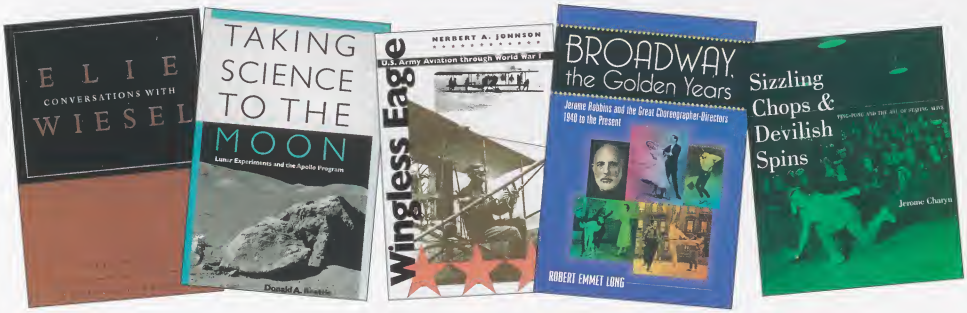
Sizzling Chops & Devilish Spins: Ping-Pong and the Art of Staying Alive by *Jerome Charyn '59*. Even amateurs who don't know what "picot" means can enjoy this one-of-a-kind history, which celebrates the giants of a game that dates back to the 17th century and is played by more than 250 million people worldwide (Four Walls Eight Windows, $24).

Decade of Denial: A Snapshot of America in the 1990s by *Herbert London '60*. The president of the Hudson Institute and NYU humanities professor indicts the baby boomer generation for its self-indulgence, perfectionism and sanctimony, "an attitude embodied most graphically in the Clintons" (Lexington Books, $70 cloth, $24.95 paper).

Investment Pearls for Modern Times by *Bernard Michael Patten '62*. Sure-fire investment strategies, in verse and prose, from the self-described "world's first, last, best (worst) and only Stock Market Poet" (Neighborhood Press, $15.99 paper).

Dark Domain by *Eugénio de Andrade*, translation and afterword by *Alexis Levitin '63*. This collection of poems, originally published in Portuguese in 1971 and translated into English for the first time, reveals the poet's love of the natural world and fascination with the human animal (Guernica, $10 paper).

Of Leaf and Flower: Stories and Poems for Gardeners, edited by *Charles Dean* and *Clyde Wachsberger '66*, with illustrations by Wachsberger. A collection of verse and prose that celebrates the passions that animate gardeners, accompanied by 12 *sumi*



ink paintings of flowers and plants (Persea Books, $21.95).

Seapower and Space: From the Dawn of the Missile Age to Net-Centric Warfare by *Norman Friedman '67*. The first complete, unclassified account of the revolution in naval warfare flowing from the development of space systems, especially satellite-based surveillance and targeting (Naval Institute Press, 42.50).

Offside: Soccer and American Exceptionalism by *Andrei S. Markovits '69* and *Steven L. Hellerman*. Written for sociologists as well as soccer aficionados, this tour of American sports culture asks why soccer, the world's favorite pastime, remains a poor relation in the United States, where baseball, football, basketball and hockey reign supreme (Princeton University Press, $59.50 cloth, $17.95 paper).

I'll Be the Parent, You Be the Child: Encourage Excellence, Set Limits and Lighten Up by *Paul Kropp '70*. In this essential how-to manual, real-life scenarios illustrate difficult parenting issues, while reliable research, extensive interviews and personal experience provide direction for concerned parents (Fisher Books, $16 paper).

Interpretation and Allegory: Antiquity to the Modern Period, edited and with an introductory essay by *Jon Whitman '71*. This scholarly collection exploring the theory and practice of interpretation and allegory won the Polonsky Foundation 2001 Award for Contributions to Interdisciplinary Studies in the Humanities (Brill, $123).

Inventing the Classics: Modernity, National Identity, and Japanese Literature, edited by *Haruo Shirane '74*, Shincho professor of Japanese, and *Tom Suzuki*, associate professor of East Asian languages and cultures. An outgrowth of a 1997 Columbia conference, this collection examines history, culture and theory in the construction of Japanese literature that we know today (Stanford University Press, $60 cloth, $24.95 paper).

Jim Jarmusch ['75]: Interviews, edited by *Ludvig Hertzberg*. A selection of two decades' worth of interviews with the white-maned director and auteur, whose acclaimed independent films include *Down By Law, Mystery Train* and *Ghost Dog: Way of the Samurai* (University Press of Mississippi, $18 paper).

Dollars and Change: Economics in Context by *Louis Peterman '76*. This primer explains economic ideas in non-technical language and places the dismal science in a broad historical, social and ethical perspective (Yale University Press, $40 cloth, $19.95 paper).

TV: A Novel by *Brian Brown '80*. The behind the scenes machinations of American television are revealed in the story of a disgraced sports programming director, once the greatest in his field, who gets a last chance at redemption (Crown Publishers, $24).

Our Band Could Be Your Life: Scenes from the American Indie Underground, 1981–1991 by *Michael Azerrad '83*. The story of post-punk and pre-grunge indie-rock music and culture in America, which flourished in out-of-the-way venues and on small, pioneering record labels (Little, Brown, $25.95).

Breaking the Silence: Domestic Violence and the South Asian-American Community, edited by *Sandhya Nankani '96*. An anthology of writings by community activists, scholars, artists and survivors, who discuss the realities of domestic violence within South Asian communities in the United States, as well as consciousness-raising efforts and the provision of victim services (Xlibris, $21.99 paper).

A Minute Without Danger by *Jacqueline Waters '96*. The author's first volume of poems is characterized by attention to physical detail and a sympathetic appreciation for the human experience (Adventures in Poetry/Zephyr Press, $10 paper).

Aaron Rose: Photographs, essay and interview by *Alfred Corn*, adjunct professor of writing. A lavish collection of photographs

Cat's Meow is the Cat's Pajamas

Cat McAllister has problems. The former child actress (she played a spunky street urchin in an episode of *Miami Vice*) is turning 25 (for the fourth time), has just been dumped by her fiancé, and is "stuck in that seventh circle of celebrity hell where I'm just recognizable enough that people think they know who I am but on second thought can't place me for the life of them." Now, to make matters worse, she's broke. A rich husband seems the only way out.

Cat is the tony, fashion-crazed, wannabe-socialite heroine of *Cat's Meow,* the debut novel by **Melissa de la Cruz '93.** Cat's scheme to marry a rich society type and "ratchet up the ranks faster than you could say Gwyneth Paltrow" sets in motion de la Cruz's gleeful, highly praised send-up of fashionistas and the Manhattan party circuit.

De la Cruz, who was class president her junior year, comes by her knowledge of the fashion industry, fashionistas and an addiction to Manhattan's nightlife firsthand. Although she was working for Morgan Stanley as a computer programmer, she found herself reading many fashion magazines and "obsessed with celebrities." The subject seemed ripe for satire. Fashion-crazed Manhattanites seemed "fun people to make fun of," de la Cruz told *CCT*.

De la Cruz defines fashionista as "a crazy, fashion-addicted woman who has to have the latest trend," and she admits that the Manolo Blahnik probably fits her. In an August 2001 op-ed piece in *The New York Times*, de la Cruz owned up to owning seven ponchos and described herself as a "card-carrying, graffiti-bag-toting, conical-heel-tripping, nautical-stripe-wearing, zippered-mule-loving member of the species Fashionus victimus." And she's no stranger to the Page 6-worthy celebrations, either. "I definitely went to a lot of the parties described in the book," she says.

The book's first five chapters were originally serialized on the fashion Web site hintmag.com, where de la Cruz moonlighted as senior fashion editor and wrote a column, also called "Cat's Meow." "It was a labor of love," she says. (In another parallel between author and subject, Cat also wrote for an online fashion site.)

Cat McAllister has definitely struck some sort of chord among readers. *Cat's Meow,* which is illustrated by Kim DeMarco, received warm notices in *The New Yorker, The Los Angeles Times* ("a rambunctious first novel"), *Glamour, Complete Woman* and *The New York Observer.* Simon Doonan, the creative director of the très-chic Barney's in New York, has pegged de la Cruz as the "Jackie Collins of the 'Moomba' generation." Already in its third printing in the United States, the book was published in December in the United Kingdom by Pinkus Books as *The Girl Can't Help It.*

As for de la Cruz, she was downsized by Morgan Stanley in June and left hintmag.com in August. She's now at work on several writing projects, including a non-fiction fashionista book, a children's fantasy novel and a follow-up novel to *Cat's Meow,* which also will be set among Manhattan's party scene.

Cat's Meow is published by Scribner Paperback Fiction and sells for $13.95.

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Melissa de la Cruz '93
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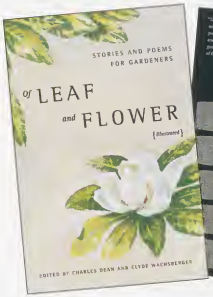

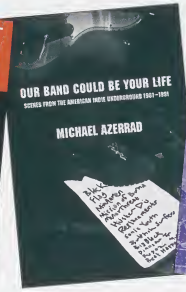

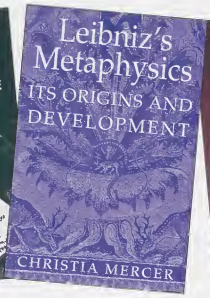

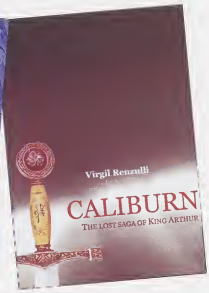

of objects, urban landscapes and nature from "an astonishingly original artist who has produced a major oeuvre" (Harry N. Abrams, $49.50).

Close Up: Iranian Cinema, Past, Present and Future by *Hamid Dabashi*, associate professor of Middle East and Asian languages and cultures. Exclusive interviews combined with insightful commentary spotlight the distinguished history of Iranian cinema, which has only recently begun to win international attention and acclaim (Verso, $20 paper).

Strong Feelings: Emotion, Addiction and Human Behavior by *Jon Elster*, R.K. Merton Professor of Social Sciences. A revised and expanded version of the Jean Nicod Lectures, delivered in Paris in 1997, which examine the theoretical and methodological problems facing the study of emotion and addiction (MIT Press, $15.95 paper).

Leibniz's Metaphysics: Its Origin and Development by *Christia Mercer*, associate professor of philosophy. The first systematic account of the philosophical development of Gottfried Wilhelm von Leibniz (1646–1716), who sought intellectual peace by constructing a true metaphysics from elements of several philosophical traditions (Cambridge University Press, $80).

Archaeologies of Social Life: Age, Sex, Class et cetera in Ancient Egypt by *Lynn Meskell*, associate professor of anthropology. In this new study of ancient Egyptian history and society, pharaohs and sphinxes need to make room for the experiences of everyday life among ordinary people (Blackwell Publishers, $66.95 cloth, $33.95 paper).

In the Place of Origins: Modernity and Its Mediums in Northern Thailand by *Rosalind C. Morris*, associate professor of anthropology. The performances of contemporary Thai spirit mediums obliquely reveal the influence of modernity and the grand ambitions of political authority, which are transforming a country strongly shaped by tradition (Duke University Press, $64.95 cloth; $21.95 paper).

Sociology as an Art Form by *Robert Nisbet*, Albert Schweitzer Professor in the Humanities Emeritus, with a new introduction by *Paul Gottfried*. While not as popular among readers as his earlier studies in social theory, this slim tract (originally published in 1976) on the kinship between sociology and literature and painting was a favorite of its author, who died in 1996 (Transaction Books, $24.95 paper).

The Fate of "Culture": Geertz and Beyond, edited by *Sherry B. Ortner*, professor of anthropology. In addition to the editor, Columbia contributors to this volume assessing the long-term significance of the anthropologist Clifford Geertz include Professor of Anthropology Lila Abu-Lughod (University of California Press, $45 cloth, $17.95 paper).

Anything But Love by *Gustavo Pérez Firmat*, David Feinson Professor of Humanities. From the acclaimed author of *Next Year in Cuba* comes this reissue of his comic yet steamy first novel, in which the Cuban-American protagonist will do anything for love (Arte Público Press, $12.95 paper).

Caliburn: The Lost Saga of King Arthur by *Virgil Renzulli*, associate vice president for public affairs. A modern retelling of the timeless Arthurian epic from the perspective of an aged Merlin the Magician regaling two stranded Briton warriors (Xlibris, $30.99).

Ritualized Violence, Russian Style: The Duel in Russian Culture and Literature by *Irina Reyfman*, professor of Slavic languages and literature. In the Russian imagination, dueling crossed the boundaries of purely aristocratic experience and acquired the status of heroic behavior because it served to define and defend personal autonomy in a hierarchical and autocratic society (Stanford University Press, $51).

Stealing the State: Control and Collapse in Soviet Institutions by *Steven L. Solnick*, associate professor of political science. Archival sources and interviews make the case that internal organization collapse contributed to the breakdown of the Soviet Union more than political stalemate at the top or revolution from below (Harvard University Press, $52.50 cloth, $19.95 paper).

Defacement: Public Secrecy and the Labor of the Negative by *Michael Taussig*, professor of anthropology. Studying the defacement of public objects helps explain public secrets, those inconvenient or dangerous truths that are "generally known, but cannot be articulated" (Stanford University Press, $19.95 paper).

Durable Inequality by *Charles Tilly*, Joseph L. Buttenwieser Professor of Social Science. This study, which won the Eastern Sociological Study Book Award, argues that persistent social inequality is a direct result of systemic features of social organization (University of California Press, $45 cloth, $17.95 paper).

Chinese Literature in the Second Half of a Modern Century: A Critical Survey, edited by *Pang-Yuan Chi* and *David Der-Wei Wang*, professor of East Asian languages and cultures. A general overview of Chinese literature in the People's Republic and Taiwan during the last half of the 20th century, when ideological conformity gave way to a looser, more ambitious literary expression (Indiana University Press, $39.95).

Legislative Entrepreneurship in the U.S. House of Representatives by *Gregory Wawro*, assistant professor of political science. In a way analogous to their business counterparts, House entrepreneurs — who initiate policy revisions, spearhead new laws and build their reputations — drive the legislative agenda and help the House fulfill its essential functions (University of Michigan Press, $39.50 cloth, $19.95 paper).

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Obituaries

1927

Edwinston L. Robbins, retired Air Force officer and aircraft executive, Gladwyn, Pa., on February 23, 2001. Robbins, a native of South Norwalk, Conn., worked as an assistant at Street & Smith in New York during the 1930s. He joined the U.S. Army Air Force in 1940, advancing through grades to colonel. He retired from the Air Force in 1957 and took a series of positions with Lockheed Aircraft, including one in Paris. After retirement, he remained for a time in France before moving to Gladwyn. He is survived by his wife, Margaret.

1929

Arthur A. Arsham, attorney, Southbury, Conn., on March 15, 2001. Arsham was a leading authority on transportation law. A 1931 graduate of the Law School, he was adjunct professor of business at the School of Business and NYU's Graduate School of Business Administration. For more than 20 years, he led the "Great Issues in Transportation Law and Regulation" section of the Columbia Executive Management program at Arden House in Harriman, N.Y. During the postwar period, there was a surge of interest in transportation enterprises, and Arsham represented various business interests. He also handled many precedent-setting cases involving complex rate regulations and successfully argued a case before the Supreme Court, *Pony Express v. the U.S.* Prior to entering the full-time practice of transportation law in 1952, Arsham served as the dean of the Academy of Advanced Traffic in New York and Philadelphia for 20 years. His wife, Geraldine Kaye, purchased the school in 1930 and became the director. She and Arsham built the academy into a nationally recognized training school for transportation executives. During World War II, candidates for officer training in the Army Transportation Corps were selected from the academy; following the war, the school offered professional training to thousands of veterans under the G.I. Bill of Rights. Arsham was founding partner of the New York City law firm Arsham and Keenan, which specialized in transportation issues and practice before the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC). After retiring from the firm in 1979, Arsham moved to Southbury. That same year, he traveled to Beijing to confer with Chinese government officials on the transportation aspects of international trade development. For the next 15 years, Arsham served clients that sought his advice on transportation matters, including Revlon, Pathmark, Johnson & Johnson and the National Small Shipments Traffic Conference. He authored several textbooks on transportation, was a member of several societies and associations and was chairman of the Committee on Admission to Practice of the ICC Practitioners Association. He is survived by his daughter, Alice Moskowitz; her husband, Paul; and three grandchildren and their spouses. Gerry, his wife of 55 years, died in 1986.

1931

Thomas J. Reilly, retired, Nanuet, N.Y., on June 1, 2001. Reilly received a master's from the School of Engineering in 1934. He played football while at the College, and later attended many of the games. He was his class's *CCT* correspondent for a number of years, and his wife, Doris, who headed the school's Thrift Shop for many years, wrote in a letter to *CCT*, "He really loved Columbia, and I, too, miss the football games and the class friends."

1932

Seymour Goldgraben, retired physician, Baltimore, on March 15, 2001. Goldgraben, who received his medical degree from NYU, had a general practice in Manhattan from 1942-46, when he joined the V.A. Hospital in Perry Point, Md., as chief of the medical service. He remained with the V.A. until his retirement, also serving as an assistant professor of medicine at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore.

Robert W. Ross, retired conductor, Weslaco, Texas, on September 12, 2001. Ross was born in 1910 in Shenandoah, Iowa, and attended William Penn College in Oskaloosa, Iowa, for one year before transferring to the College. He later earned his master's at the University of Arizona. Ross taught music, band and orchestra at Illinois Wesleyan before joining the Navy when World War II began. Following the war, Ross began a 30-year tenure at the University of Oklahoma, first as assistant conductor of bands and later as director of the Oklahoma University Symphony Orchestra. He retired as professor of music in 1975. He also was active in the Lion's Club and the American Legion. He is survived by his wife, Ruth; daughter Robin Osborn; and brother James Grant Ross.

Joseph S. Smatko '36

1936

Joseph S. Smatko, scientist and retired chemical engineer, Santa Barbara, Calif., on October 7, 2001. A native of Fort Edward, N.Y., Smatko also earned a bachelor's and master's from the Engineering School in 1936 and 1937, respectively, and his doctorate in chemical engineering in 1948. In the 1940s, he was commissioned by the Department of Defense with a post-war secret classification to investigate German advances in electrochemical, chlorine and caustic soda processes; rare metal and nuclear material production; and Norwegian heavy water production. As associate professor at Maryland, where he taught from 1948-52, Smatko's studies led to the development of a thermopile demolition detonator to detonate explosives. As head of the chemical engineering department at Southern Cal, where he taught from 1952-59, among other projects, Smatko directed the department's efforts in catalytic smog control mufflers for trucks. As a senior scientist at Hoffman Science Center, Santa Barbara, Calif., Smatko improved the performance of solar cells and invented the Smatko Fuel Cell, which creates electrical energy from chemical compounds. Smatko also served as senior research chemist at GM's Defense Research Labs, also in Santa Barbara, where he led the space energy systems team in developing the power source for NASA's lunar rover. As chief scientist at McDonnell Douglas's Astropower Laboratory, Newport Beach, Calif., he developed the battery power source for the Viking spacecraft mission to Mars. As senior electrochemist at Stanford Research Institute, Smatko's programs led to development of the state of the art nickel cadmium rechargeable batteries. Smatko had more than a dozen patents and never really retired; in his later years he invented a gold substitute for heart valves and consulted on gold plating techniques used in aerospace connectors. He is survived by his son, Brian; daughter Monica Smatko Christie; brother Dr. Andrew J. Smatko and his wife, Shirley; and several nieces and nephews.

1937

Benjamin H. Brown, retired professor, Cambridge, Mass., on June 12, 2001. Born and raised in Chattanooga, Tenn., Brown took a two-year research fellowship at Clara College in Cambridge after graduating from Columbia. He then returned to Columbia, earning his doctorate in modern English history in 1941. Brown was a World War II veteran, serving in the Navy at allied headquarters in Britain and later Berlin. After the war, he settled in New York City and served as deputy secretary general of the U.S. Mission to the United Nations from 1947-53. Brown also was a freelance writer and international affairs lecturer. He later served as director of the Cleveland Council on World Affairs (1955-58) and then served as vice president of the American University of Beirut (1958-60). For the next 24 years, Brown directed the fellows program at Harvard's Center for International Affairs, where he conducted myriad seminars. He also served as adviser to mid-career diplomats and statesmen at the center before retiring from Harvard in 1983. Brown is remembered as an enthusiastic participant in Harvard life, an informed political and international affairs commentator, a skilled pastel artist, passionate conversationalist and loyal friend. He is survived by his wife, Marguerite; son Timothy; stepchildren Elspeth Macdonald and Mark Woodcock; two grandchildren; two nieces; four step-grandsons; and a step-great-grandson.

James J. Casey, retired attorney, Peapack, N.J., on April 25, 2001. Casey, who earned his law degree at Columbia in 1940, was an attorney at Shea & Gould in New York. After serving in the Navy in World War II, which included active duty in the Pacific Theater, Casey retired as a lieutenant

Carl W. Desch '37

commander. He was a founding partner of Casey, Lane & Mittendorf in New York, and served for a number of years on the Boards of Visitors for the College and Law School. In addition to practicing law, Casey was a member of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal from 1960-63 and a delegate to the U.N. Human Rights Commission. He also served as a director of several corporations and clubs in New York, New Jersey and Rhode Island. A product of New York City Catholic schools, Casey was captain of Columbia's basketball team in 1936-37 and was an important benefactor of the College, Law School and University athletics. He is survived by his second wife, Claudia Prout Casey; children Anne H.C. van den Bergh, Edith Blair Casey and Richard Gambrill Casey; and five grandchildren.

Carl W. Desch, retired banker, Garden City, N.Y., on July 18, 2001. Desch went on to earn a master's from the University in 1939, and continued his relationship with Columbia until his death. Known in the Columbia community as an engaging raconteur, Desch was a former president of the Columbia University Club Foundation. He also had been a friend and supporter of the American Red Cross of Greater New York since the 1960s and served on a number of corporate boards, including Citibank, Kimberly-Clark and SKF Industries. As a senior executive at Citibank, Desch stressed the importance of philanthropy, and founded the company's matching gift program. He continued his philanthropic efforts by supporting the Columbia College Fund and establishing two scholarships at Columbia, one in honor of his late wife, Katharine W. Desch, and one at the Nursing School in honor of his daughter, Barbara Desch Lenihan, a 1974 graduate. Desch was a leader in College reunion efforts. As noted on his 60th reunion questionnaire, his greatest memory of his time at Columbia was the Rose Bowl victory in 1934. His message to classmates at that time was, "Proud to have been among you at an important part of life." Shortly before his death, Desch made a gift to renovate and name a classroom in Hamilton Hall. He is survived by his daughters, Carol Desoe and Barbara Lenihan; son Carl, Jr.; sister Margaret Hanft; and seven grandchildren.

William H. Pavitt, Jr., retired attorney, Pacific Palisades, Calif., on January 16, 2001. Pavitt received his J.D. from the Law School in 1939.

Kermit L. Pines, M.D., educator, researcher and clinician, Tenafly N.J., on June 10, 2001. Pines, a 1942 graduate of P&S, was a member of its faculty for 53 years and also maintained an active practice. At the time of his death, he was clinical professor emeritus. A military veteran, Pines served from 1944-46 in New Guinea and the Philippines in the 11th Airborne Division as a medical officer, and was highly decorated. He is survived by his wife, Toussia, Barnard '39; sons Jeffrey '69 SIPA '71 P&S '73, and Jonathan '78; and daughter Deborah.

Ira N. Thompson, Frederick, Colo., on June 17, 2001.

1938

Leon Warshaw, New York, on January 4, 2001.

1939

T. Kirby Davidson, Woburn, Mass., on September 14, 2001.

Louis Johnson, retired, Darien, Ct., on July 5, 2001. Johnson, a World War II veteran who served as a radar officer on an aircraft carrier in the Pacific, received a concurrent degree from the School of Engineering and later worked for Ebasco Services, Inc., where he became vice president of long-term planning. He retired in 1983. He is survived by his wife, Eileen.

1940

George T. Scharffenberger, business executive, Rolling Hills, Calif., on November 10, 2001. Scharffenberger was born on May 22, 1919, in Hollis, N.Y. After graduation, he joined the accounting firm of Arthur Andersen & Co., where he stayed until 1943, earning his CPA during that time. A World War II Army veteran, Scharffenberger joined International Telephone & Telegraph, where he rose to president of its ITT Kellogg subsidiary. In 1959, he joined Litton Industries in Southern California. He was president of its Westrex Division and later

George T. Scharffenberger '40

became a senior vice president in charge of defense and space systems, the company's largest group at the time. In 1966, Scharffenberger returned to New York to succeed City Investing's Robert W. Dowling Jr., son of its founder, as president and CEO. Scharffenberger later became chairman and CEO. By means of mergers and acquisitions, he built City Investing into a diversified global company with operations in housing, lodging, food services, insurance and financial services. The company had many subsidiaries, and under Scharffenberger's leadership, annual revenues of the combined enterprise grew from $10 million to $6.5 billion. In the mid-'80s, Scharffenberger divested the subsidiaries and distributed the proceeds to shareholders. Following the liquidation, Scharffenberger continued as chairman of AmBase, an NYSE-listed insurance and financial services company, until his retirement in 1994. He had served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Southern Cal since 1973 and was chairman from 1985-90. He also served as a member of the Board of Regents of Georgetown from 1969-73, and was a member of its board of directors for two terms beginning in 1973. Scharffenberger was awarded honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees by USC in 1984 and Georgetown in 1987, a Lifetime Achievement Award from the College of Mount St. Vincent in 1987 and a Distinguished Service Award from the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges in 1989. A close friend of Ronald and Nancy Reagan, Scharffenberger served as a co-trustee of the Ronald Reagan Blind Trust during Reagan's presidency. A longtime and generous supporter of the College, Scharffenberger is survived by his wife, the former Marion Agnes Nelson, whom he wed in 1948; children Ann Scharffenberger Allen, George Jr., John, Thomas, James, and Joan Scharffenberger Laarakkers; brother William '42; and 10 grandchildren.

Bernard R. Rowen, Tacoma, Wash., on October 4, 2001.

1941

Saul H. Haskel, Tuckahoe, N.Y., on June 7, 2001. Haskel, who was the chairman of the 60th Reunion for his class, worked with Boy Scouts of America (National Board). He is survived by his wife, Lavita; sons Peter and James; and daughters Anne and Margaret.

Raymond Raimondi, professor, Middletown, N.Y., August 14, 2001. Born in 1920 in New York, Raimondi was a World War II veteran, serving in the Army Air Corps. He became an English professor at Orange County Community College, where he remained until his retirement in 1987. Raimondi was praised for his civility and was known as an interested listener and conversationalist who cared about the children of his fellow professors. A former student started the Raymond Raimondi Scholarship Fund at Orange County C.C.

1942

Bernard Mandelbaum, rabbi, Plantation, Fla., on June 19, 2001. Born in Brooklyn, Mandelbaum was president of the Jewish Theological Seminary from 1966-71. He became a student at the seminary in 1942. After his ordination, he held several posts at the seminary, including dean of students, provost, and professor of midrash, or scriptural interpretation. He also held other leadership roles, including serving as president of the America-Israel Cultural Foundation and executive vice president of the Synagogue Council of America. Mandelbaum created and led the Foundation for Future Generations, and was the author or editor of several books. His first wife, Judith, died in 1980. He is survived by his second wife, Marcelle; sister Ethel Salwen; five children: Joel, Dasi, David, Debra Lyman and Naomi Rosenblum; as well as 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Arthur A. Mintz, physician, Queens, N.Y., on November 11, 2001. After graduating from the College, Mintz received his medical degree in 1945 from N.Y. Flower Fifth Avenue Medical School. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1942-47, and remained in the Reserves for 30 more years as a commander. After practicing internal medicine for 20 years, he became a psychiatrist and worked at Creedmoor State Mental Hospital, Queens Children's Hospital, Rikers Island Prison and the V.A. Hospital in Valhalla, N.Y. He last worked for the NYPD's Disabili-

Bernard Mandelbaum '42

ties Board, retiring at 82. He played piano and organ by ear and taught his method to adults at Roslyn H.S. Skiing, the beach and dancing were other joys he shared with family and friends. He is survived by his wife, the former Ruth Obler; daughter Linda Shriberg and her husband Larry; daughter Kathryn; son Bill and daughter-in-law Linda; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

1945

Otto Apel, surgeon, Stockdale, Ohio, on November 9, 2000. Born in 1923, Apel played football while at the College, and, according to a letter to *CCT* from former roommate Jack Oliver '45, "made a sensational catch of a long pass from Paul Governali '43 in the last few seconds to win the Cornell game for us." A 1948 graduate of P&S, Apel joined the Army in 1950 and later served as a surgeon during the Korean War at a front-line MASH unit. He developed a surgical technique for repairing arteries that helped save limbs from amputation and was a consultant to the television show "M*A*S*H." His book, *MASH: An Army Surgeon in Korea*, was published (University Press of Kentucky) in 1998. Not long before he passed away, he was honored by the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame.

Herbert E. Mecke, consultant, South Yarmouth, Mass., on December 31, 2000. Mecke was born on Staten Island, N.Y., and was raised and educated in West Orange, N.J. In 1942, he joined the Army Air Corps, where he flew B-29 bombers. He was stationed on Guam during World War II and flew 15 missions as a co-pilot before the Japanese surrender. At the College, he was a member of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity. He worked for General Foods and the York Corp., and then became a research specialist in the textile industry. He later worked for Celanese and Deering Miliken before founding H.E. Mecke Associates, an international consulting firm, in 1971. After his retirement in 1990, Mecke moved to South Yarmouth. He was active in helping schools and churches build addiction prevention programs on Cape Cod. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, the former Margaret M. Mather; son James; three daughters, Amanda, Carolyn Farineau, and Laura Midgley; a brother; a sister; four grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

1948

Wayne Lee Dail, technician, Eatontown, N.J., on September 1, 2001.

1949

Marvin Harris, anthropologist, Gainesville, Fla., on October 25, 2001. *(Please see In Memoriam on page 12.)*

Kenneth C. Holden, clerk, Houston, on June 24, 2001.

1950

Paul B. Burrell, professor, Cincinnati, on January 1, 2001.

Daniel Kocan, Frederick, Md., on September 4, 2001.

Anthony F. Megna, Tamarac, Fla., on May 26, 2001.

1953

Joel Dolin, retired computer executive, on May 30, 2000. After graduating from the College, Dolin earned another bachelor's degree in 1954 and a master's degree in 1955, both from the School of Engineering. According to a letter to *CCT* from Dick Zeiger '52: "Joe was a bear of a man with a huge heart, jovial personality and engaging warmth. The love of life, classical music, the Yankees, 49ers, stickball, travel, movies and wine were his principal passions. He was a wonderful friend and true brother ever since we were roommates as undergraduates." Dolin is survived by his wife, Sharon; and daughters Jennifer and Claudia.

1958

Edward M. Agnello, lawyer, Little Falls, N.J., on February 23, 2001. A community organizer dedicated to his hometown of Passaic, N.J., Agnello organized the 2nd Ward Educational and Charitable Foundation, a nonprofit group that provides scholarships to graduates of School 11. He also was a guiding force behind three 2nd Ward reunions, the most recent of which, in 2000, attracted more than 400 people. After graduation, Agnello earned a degree from Fordham Law School and practiced law until his death. He is survived by his wife, Virginia; son Glenn; sister Lucille Agnello Harte; and two grandchildren.

1963

Robert J. Krane, physician and researcher, West Newton, Mass., on November 17, 2001. Born in the Bronx, Krane graduated from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in 1967 and served as a medical officer in the Navy during the Vietnam War, 1968-70. Krane received his surgical training at Boston City Hospital and Boston University Hospital, where he remained on the faculty. He chaired the Department of Urology at Boston Medical Center until 1999, at which time he joined Massachusetts General Hospital and was appointed professor of surgery in urology at Harvard Medical School. Krane was a noted researcher and often addressed international medical societies. In addition, he brought physicians from around the world to study at Boston medical centers. He authored more than 150 professional papers and several textbooks, and was a member of more than 20 national and international medical societies. Krane received the prestigious American Urological Association's Gold Cystoscope Award for his contributions to the field, and was the co-founder and editor of *The World Journal of Urology*. He is survived by his wife, the former Diane Graff, Barnard '65; daughter Jessica, daughter Jennifer Krane Tarleton and her husband, Brett; sons Jonathan '99 Business, and Justin '04; and one granddaughter.

1969

James M. Lester, computer scientist, Waltham, Mass., on May 14, 2001. Born in New Haven, Conn., Lester moved with his family to Princeton in the early 1960s. He attended the College from 1965-67 before graduating from Harvard cum laude in 1969. In 1972, he earned a master's in computer science from Wisconsin. Lester worked in the artificial intelligence field, and for a number of institutions and companies in the Boston area including Image Analysis Lab at Tufts-New England Medical Center, Camex, Archetype and ImageLabs, which he co-founded. He joined Brigham and Women's Hospital in 1994, where he last worked in the department of radiology. He also was faculty member at Harvard. At Brigham, he was the chief developer of a medical information management system that used the World Wide Web. Lester also was an accomplished musician in flute, piano and voice; worked professionally as a musician; was an expert sailor and an avid cook. He is survived by his wife, Nancy; daughters Jessica and Rachel; son Benjamin; mother Ruth W. Lester; sister Anne L. Schager; and two nephews.

1978

Victor V. Kaminski III, Cary, N.C., July 7, 2001. Kaminski was born in Cleveland and graduated from Padua High School in 1975. He played football there, and also at Columbia, where he was an All-Ivy First Team tackle. He attended graduate school at Ohio State, where he received a Ph.D. in organic chemistry in 1984. Kaminski was a successful research scientist at ICI Paints Strongville Research Center, and most recently was at Union Carbide (now Dow Chemical) in North Carolina. He received numerous patents for his work. Kaminski was active in his community, where he coached sports teams for his children in North Carolina, as well as in Parma, Ohio. He also was a Catholic education teacher. He is survived by his wife, the former Donna Wodzisz; children Julie, Donna, Victor IV and Daniel; mother Rose; and siblings Kathleen Jablonski, Karol Coundourides, William and Robert.

1998

James B. McAdams, Orlando, on August 7, 2001.

2001

Mandy Reichman, Scotch Plains, N.J., on September 21, 2001. Reichman was very involved in campus life, serving as former co-chair of Kesher: Reform Jews at Columbia; social life coordinator on the Hillel Executive Board; and coordinator of the Jewish Life Orientation for first-year students. Reichman, who was committed to getting students involved in the political process, interned at New Jersey Senator Frank Lautenberg's office in Washington, D.C., as well as at the office of then-president of the New Jersey State Senate Donald DiFrancesco. Reichman was remembered as an exceptionally warm and giving person who was compassionate, involved and always concerned about the well-being of others. She is survived by her parents, Barry and Meryl; and two sisters.

2003

Nicholas Kemnitzer, Shepherdstown, W.Va., on November 9, 2001. Kemnitzer was a history major and the host of a weekly show on campus radio station WBAR. He is survived by his parents, David and Susan, and brother Alexander.

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Kudos to **Herbert L. Nichols Jr. '29**, of Roswell, Ga., who at 93 has been recorded as the oldest individual to plunge into the waters of the North Pole and earn a place in the elite Polar Swimmers Society.

Diantha Horton, wife of another Roswell denizen, William Horton '50, sent an article from the *Roswell/Alpharetta Neighbor* detailing Nichols' unusual summer vacation aboard the Russian Icebreaker Yamal on a North Polar Expedition. Nichols flew from Newark to Oslo to Spitsbergen, the northernmost port in Norway on the Arctic Sea. He then reached the Yamal by helicopter for the trip sponsored by the American Museum of Natural History.

In 1932, Nichols left New York for Greenwich, Conn., where he acquired a large abandoned farm and began operating a topsoil excavation company. At the outset of World War II, he worked for about six months at an airport in the Bahamas, and, soon after, joined the Seabees, where he was principally assigned to a maintenance battalion in Adak in the Aleutians. Shortly after, he was promoted from first class to chief and was given an island sub-base in Tanaga.

Following the war, Nichols returned to the United States and went back to the excavation business. He self-published *Nonsense, it's all in your mind*, and wrote several more books, mostly pertaining to excavation and science-related subjects. Nichols says he often would write when traveling; the two activities were complementary because the train or freighter would allow him uninterrupted time.

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Within the next few months, you'll be getting full details on our 65th Reunion in May 2002. As a member of the Class Reunion Committee, I marvel that so many of us are still around to say hello to one another. Please try to make it. The Reunion Weekend will be from May 30 to June 2, 2002. You'll receive full details long before then. Regardless of whether you will be attending, why don't you give as generously as you can to help us reach our goal of a $60,000 class gift?

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Do you remember when **John Siegal** used to catch **Sid Luckman**'s long passes with his big hands? After graduation, John played for the Chicago Bears in their heyday. He used his time off the field to attend Northwestern Dental School and told me that he appreciated football's enabling him to become a dentist. I had the mistaken notion that he invented the tooth protector that most football players wear, but he discreetly told me who invented the device.

John's brother, Joe, who recently celebrated his 80th birthday, left Columbia for the service after two years. John's son, John M. Jr. '77, also graduated from Northwestern Dental School. In the 1992 *Columbia College Alumni Directory*, there was confusion about John Sr. and John Jr.'s addresses and phone numbers; John Sr. was listed as living in New York. I am glad to report that the error has been corrected and that John Sr. can be contacted via the address and phone number in the new directory.

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As you may recall, our September 2001 Class Notes attempted to summarize our class' history (as we've lived it, separately and collectively, including our WW II experience and our class' tragic casualty record), as context for the Class of 1940 Legacy Planning Committee, now in process of formation. Three New York members, **Hector Dowd**, **Bill Feinberg** and I met on September 6 for a preliminary planning meeting in Hector's Fifth Avenue office. **Jim Knight** was out of town (see below); **Bob Ames** and **John Ripandelli** had been active for many months, by phone and e-mail, in earlier discussions; and a number of other classmates have already expressed a strong interest in joining the committee as we move ahead.

We discussed Robert McNamara's description of the narrowness of our escape from nuclear disaster during the 1962 Cuban missile crisis and the urgency of understanding current major threats to peace in the light of the different world we live in today, including the growing access to weapons of mass destruction by "rogue states" and non-state terrorists. Even more fundamentally, we need to address the kind of world we hope (or fear) we and our children are building for our grandchildren, and whether they are doomed to repeat — or worse — the bloody 20th century in the 21st."

A conceptual starting point: In answer to our 60th reunion question, "Must history repeat the great conflicts of the 20th century?" Dean Nye of Harvard's Kennedy School of Government asserted, "It is a mistake to use historical metaphors for complacency or despair. History does not repeat itself — our future is always in our own hands."

We agreed that as a first step toward establishing our C'40 legacy at Columbia, we needed a high visibility wake-up meeting on campus, which we tentatively scheduled for late Spring 2002. As we were closing the planning meeting, I think it was **Bill Feinberg** who said, "We're talking about the future of the world." Bill said he planned to be out of town for the weekend, but that I could call him to continue our discussion the following Tuesday, September 11, at his home at Battery Park City (directly across from the World Trade Towers) or at the Second Circuit Federal Court, where he was scheduled to hear a case.

The Twin Towers disaster that morning provided a grim wake-up call very different from the spring campus wake-up meeting we had discussed. My scheduled phone call to Bill took more than two weeks to complete, with phone circuits out and the Federal Court building closed. When we finally connected, Bill described leaving his apartment, which faces the Hudson, away from the Towers, at 9 a.m. that morning, discovering people already streaming out of the buildings; running back to get his wife, Shirley; running north up the West Side Highway; and finally locating a cab to take them to friends uptown. Many days later they were permitted 15 minutes back in their undamaged apartment (except for heavy layers of dust) to get some clothing. He told me he felt we should go ahead with a (rethought) spring wake-up event. As I write this, we're about to reschedule a follow-up meeting of our committee; you'll be kept abreast of our deliberations, and we strongly invite the participation of all interested classmates.

Jim Knight was unable to attend because he was still at his Long Island summer home, grieving the loss of our classmate and his close friend **Ed Rice**, who died on August 18. They had been collaborating for years on a book-in-process on their colleague Tom Merton '38. You may recall the dozen-page article on Ed in May's *CCT*. Jim's note about Ed included a tribute that will appear in the next issue of *CCT*, along with an obituary. It closes with the words, "Goodbye, sport; oh, how I will miss you!"

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This year's Homecoming game, on October 13 against Penn, was attended by Mary Louise and **Hugh Barber**, **Ted de Bary**, Ann and **Jim Dick**, **Dick Kuh** and Betty and **Arthur Weinstock**. Unfortunately, that did not help the final score.

The 56th edition of *Who's Who in America*, to be published in 2002, will contain a biographical sketch of **Thomas Albert Gilliam** of Englewood, Colo.

Charles E. Newlon, of Knoxville, Tenn., a.k.a. "Tuba Charley," had been scheduled to attend our 60th reunion and grace the proceedings with a performance of his musical show (also starring his wife, "Miss Dottie Jean"). Unfortunately, he became ill, and they were unable to attend. He has sent a letter that he had been planning to read aloud at the reunion, reminiscing about his early days at Columbia playing the tuba. He recalls arriving on cam-

pus in September 1937 before the dormitories were yet open and "finding a room in a small hotel on 116th Street at $2/nite." We hope that Charley is now well.

At the recent Hamilton Award Dinner, the class was represented by Mary Louise and **Hugh Barber**, **Ted de Bary** and **Arthur Weinstock**.

If, as one or two of you have commented, "the names always seem the same," there are two reasons. These are the people most active in class and/or Columbia affairs, and/or they are the ones who write to me or are mentioned by those who do write. So if you want to see other names, P-L-E-A-S-E W-R-I-T-E!

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Once again, Homecoming was a great success for our class, thanks to the skillful planning and coaxing of **Vic Zaro**. Twenty-one classmates and 20 guests — wives, children and grandchildren (two of whom are now at Columbia) — were on hand to start a celebration that will climax next spring in our 60th reunion. Present were **Bob Wolf, John Rogge, Don Seligman, Art Albohn, Manny Lichtenstein, Art Graham, Bob Kaufman, Jerry Klingon, Herb Mark, Dave Harrison, Vic Zaro, Mel Hershkowitz, Len Garth, Seymour Halpern, Nick Cicchetiti, Nick De Vito, Ed Kalaidjian, Clarence Eich, George Hyman, Jim Sondheim** and **Bill Carey**. The chemistry was still great and the food and drink outstanding, as always. We were easily distracted by all of this from a disappointing football game.

Art Graham was chairman of the annual dinner of the Society of Columbia Graduates, at which the great teacher awards are made. **Manny Lichtenstein, Ed Kalaidjian** and I joined Art at this affair, which was a good warm-up for Homecoming the same week.

There were many answers to our most recent request for updated personal information. Among those writing from distant points, all promising to be on hand next spring, were **Mark Kahn** from his retirement base in Michigan, **Thornley Wood** from Colorado and **Dave Gelbard** from L.A.

Phil Hobel is still active as a film producer, distributor and adviser and feels no need to retire. Another with no thoughts of retirement is **Seymour Halpern**, whose medical practice and related professional duties still keep him interested and busy. **Nick Cicchetti** has been long retired from the New York City public school system, where he achieved the level of superintendent. He has been busy in village government and community activities in Sleepy Hollow, N.Y.

My wife and I had lunch with Ruth and **Charles West** in their new retirement home in Princeton. Charlie was on the faculty of the Princeton Theological Seminary for some 30 years before retiring 10 years ago.

I am sorry to report the death of **Francesco Cordasco**, who was a distinguished professor of education and social relations at Montclair State College. Francesco was a prolific writer with a special interest in the history of immigration.

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Now, from **Ray Menaker**: "In line with the comments by **Joe Kelly** in Class Notes in the May 2001 issue, I figure I am probably considered a non-respondent even though I attended the 55th reunion in 1998. Consequently, here is an update from one of those members of the Class of '43 who is nearing his 80th year on the planet.

"I was in the uniform of a midshipman USNR when President Nicholas Murray Butler welcomed all of us graduating 'in the class of 1843.' (That's no typo; he said it, remember?) From midshipmen's school, I went on to communications postgraduate school at Annapolis, then to the Submarine Chaser Training Center in Miami and finally to the *U.S.S. DeLong* (DE 684), a training ship based in Miami. That's where I served the rest of World War II; never saw an enemy, never fired a shot in anger. Then I toured the U.S. by car with a Navy buddy and ended up teaching elementary school in California. I spent the summer of 1947 back on Morningside Heights at Teachers College, where I attended a lecture by Dr. John R. Dunning, who looked the same as when he taught the one-semester freshman physics course I took as a non-science major. In 1939, I recall Dunning holding his hand out toward us over the workbench in the Pupin lecture hall and telling us, 'Someday, I'll be able to hold in my hand enough energy to drive a ship across the Atlantic Ocean and back!' At the lecture in 1947, he picked up a small black box, held it out to the audience with the same gesture,

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and said, 'I am holding in my hand enough energy to light the City of New York for 24 hours!'

"So much for memories. I spent five more years in a remarkable Bay Area elementary school (and married one of the teachers). Then I took a year off for a master's from Stanford. I met a teacher from Alaska in one class and ended up with an offer of a one-teacher school in Pelican, Alaska, on an island off the panhandle about 70 miles west of Juneau. So, off we went in a wooden station wagon crammed with two adults, an 11-year-old son, a 3-year-old-son, a 2-year-old daughter and a cat with two new kittens. After a year in Pelican, my wife, Vivian, and I were hired by the school district in Haines, which is on the mainland, about 90 miles north of Juneau.

"I retired from the school system in 1973 to devote myself full-time to a small weekly newspaper I started in 1966. I turned it over to others in 1985, and it's still going strong. Our printer in 1966 was a high school senior who had his own vintage (1913) linotype and press. We sent him back to New York by train (he was a train buff) to the Columbia Scholastic Press Association convention, where he chaired a section on small print shops and was introduced on the floor to the delegates as the first delegate from Alaska.

"For a New York City-ite, Haines has been terrific. We have a wonderful performing arts theater whose acoustics are so good that a French concert pianist donated a Steinway grand piano to it because it was 'one of the four best halls I've ever played anywhere in the world.' I helped start a community theater group that has been going strong since its creation in 1957 (thanks to Professor Milton Smith and the Brander Matthews Theater for my drama experience at Columbia). We have a multitude of artists, native and non-native, who paint, carve wood, and work in silver and glass. We have a public radio station on which I've been reading weekly short stories since 1986. Thanks to **Linc Diamant** and Jimmy Sondheim '42, who introduced me to radio activity (not the cyclotron type but the CURC type).

"I heartily suggest that the Class of '43 organize a visit to Haines before we're in our 90s. Think about it. You can reach me at P.O. Box 118, Haines, AK 99827."

Your class correspondent also found that his destiny lay in Alaska — in 1952 as a "G.P." in Fairbanks when it was still a territory. An Inuit patient, Mr. Northern Lights, came to me repeatedly for penicillin injections to treat what he called "Love Sickness"! Returning there, almost 50 years later, we found it had changed surprisingly little. The highlight of the trip was a helicopter ride over the glaciers of Mount McKinley (known to the local Indians as "Denali," the great one). In 1954, I led the first successful climbing expedition to the North Peak via the "Cook Route" (NW Ridge), previously attempted by Dr. Frederick Cook, a New York City physician who later became president of The Explorers Club.

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Peter Kaskell — After a notable career as a heavyweight (metaphorically speaking) corporate attorney, Peter has ascended to non-litigating solution work at the prestigious Institute for Dispute Resolution. Despite his youth, he recently was named senior fellow at that NYC organization.

Robert E. Harris — A sage, witty and cheerful retired VP of a noted oil equipment company, he moved 16 years ago from Texas to California where he's enjoying San Juan Capistranos of L.A. with spouse Susan. Offspring: four.

Ralph Lane — Longtime resident of the Left Coast where he educated for years as a professor of sociology at U. of San Francisco; he crossed the aisle and now studies creative writing at San Mateo College, where his poetry is winning attention.

Gordon Cotler — The November issue of *Ellery Queen Mystery Magazine* carried what it proudly identified as the first of several nifty Cotler short stories it has bought. Production may go beyond that now that he's finished his term as a member of National Board of Mystery Writers of America.

Francis Rigney — Wise and stylish retired psychiatrist, investor, scholar and writer based in that great Pacific city by the bay is making steady progress with his unique critique and analysis designed to unify the language of artists, philosophers and social scientists. It could be a landmark three volumes.

Vance Weaver — The dynamic free thinker, independent spirit and truth-seeker of Connecticut and Manhattan will see his name up among the adventurous founders of radio station CURC — now WKCR — on a plaque at the spiffy new studio. Other '44 pioneers reputed to be set to join him on said brass hurrah include **Leonard Koppett**, **Ira W. Gabrielson** M.D. and **Walter Wager,** who unite in sending 2002 greetings to '44 far and wide, near and narrow across the galaxy.

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Classmates, your correspondent is tempted to write: "No news; no column," and end with that. I can't write what I don't get. I know you are out there doing interesting things. You have to be; you are a Columbian! Share what is going on in your life with us. I am counting on you.

Your correspondent is doing some interesting things; at least he thinks so. He was a poll worker for New Jersey's gubernatorial election, which received nationwide attention. Polls opened an hour earlier this year at 6:00 a.m. for those who wanted to vote before going to work. This meant the workers had to be at the polling place by 5:15 a.m. and work until 8:00 p.m. with an hour off for one meal. The pay was raised from $100 to $200 for the day because of the extra time and to get more workers involved. But it is a great experience to be part of the American voting process in a special way. Are poll workers needed in your area?

Donna Satow, former *CCT* Class Notes editor, and her husband, Phil '63, have started a public foundation to reduce suicide among college students. Donna says that suicide is the second leading cause of death among young adults, with few resources available to improve mental health services on college campuses.

What ideas would help the situation? Would extensive blood drives using students as donors help to make them feel wanted? Would it help to have a retired Columbia couple living in the dorm to provide mature leadership and counseling? Sometimes, all one wants and needs is a listening and sympathetic ear. A high school teacher told her class that suicide was a permanent solution to a temporary problem. A month later, a student told her that those words saved his life. Donna can be reached by e-mail at ds424@columbia.edu. Her Web site is www.jedfoundation.org.

Our honorees this time are: Dr. **Herbert M. Hendin**, 1045 Park Ave., NYC, 10028. Coincidentally, Herb is listed as involved with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention in NYC. Herb was active on campus with the varsity tennis club, the Pre-Med Society, Sawbones, Seixas Society and the Debate Council. And Dr. **Ernest Schwartz**, 18 Sage Terr., Scarsdale, NY 10583. Ernest was president of the debate team, captain of the chess team, and a member of the *Jester Review*, Rifle Club, Arthur W. Riley Society and the Philolexian Society. Any classmate share membership with Herb and Ernest in any of these organizations? (Warning: not sure I'll be as informative about future honorees.) Would be good to hear from or about our two honorees. By the way, what are the Philolexian, Seixas and Arthur W. Riley Societies? Are they still on campus?

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Publishing six issues of *CCT* a year means I need help from you to fill this column. Please write in with your news.

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The first piece of news, cleverly concealed in the heading of this column, is your class correspondent's new mailing address. Actually, an old one — we settled down in Stamford 28 years ago. The novelty lies in my retirement from full, active law practice at year-end. I'll remain "of counsel" but be working from home, when there is work to do and no better way to pass the time. Q.E.D., all classmates are invited to send items of interest to the home address above or directly to Laura Butchy at the *CCT* office.

Larry Friedland reports that, as of November 15, he is making a similar or analogous (but not identical) move. He has become "of counsel" at Olshan Grundman Frome Rosenzweig & Wolosky in New York. Now, there's a mouthful — is it a safe bet that only the first two are identified by the firm telephone operator or does Frome also get in the act? Clarification is expected from Larry, no later than next year's Homecoming game.

One other item that may well belong in the Class Notes for the Class of '45, but is surely welcome here. **Martin Klein** writes from Anaheim, Calif., that he was originally in the class of '45 but, like so many others, found his studies rudely interrupted by World War II. He returned to the campus in '46 and received his degree in '47 after completing his first year of medical school at Louisville. Martin is still in practice, living in Dana Point, Calif., ("close to my sailboat") and skiing with his grandchildren at Park City, Utah. He ends his message by saying that he "is listed with the class of '47 but [doesn't] know anyone in that class. Solution: Come coast-to-coast for our class' 55th Reunion next spring and

introduce yourself to the throngs gathered for this celebration.

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The last edition of these notes was sent in the day before the September 11 attack two miles southwest of where I was born, and these notes are being written on the day an airliner crashed in Rockaway Beach, Queens, two miles west of where my wife, Anna, and I used to swim during the summers of my Columbia student years. She and I were together on that beach the sunny day the Japanese surrendered, staying after sundown to listen by portable radio to Toscanini lead the hastily convened NBC Symphony in its first performance of the *Eroica* since the start of the Second World War. From 1955 to 1963, we lived in Washington Heights, where most of today's crash victims lived. And in the early '90s, we occasionally would dine at Windows on the World, where our composer-pianist friend Judd Woldin led the musical trio. Because of these coincidences, nostalgia has amplified our dismay at the disasters. We hope that none of you had nearer connections to the tragedies, but if you did, please send me your stories.

Robert Clayton and his wife, Helen, recently received a congratulatory letter from the New York State Barn Coalition on being recipients of a 2001 Barn Preservation Award. Bob used to manage a huge apartment complex on the East River, so it was not surprising to learn that his interest in shelters extends to those that once housed animals. Bob and Helen live at Apt. 2105, 475 FDR Dr., New York, NY 10002. **William Hart** has retired after 45 years in the entertainment business. He twice served as a senior vice president for television, first at Columbia Pictures Television and then at Warner Brothers Television. He ended his career at Rysher Entertainment, where he produced seven films, including *Above Suspicion* with Christopher Reeve. His education at Columbia was interrupted by service in the armed forces. Nowadays, he plays a lot of tennis. He lives with his wife, Erica, at 1036 Carolyn Way, Beverly Hills, CA 90210.

Some months ago in this column, I asked for information about two of our classmates who had been roommates at Columbia, **William Vessie** and **Marshall D. Mascott**. As you know from the November issue, that plea evoked information about and from Bill. It also was read by Kathy Mascott, who, in response, telephoned me from Montreux, Switzerland. Like Bill, Marshall has a major health problem: A recent stroke has made it impossible for him to speak, write and walk. In order to be nearer to his parents at this time of stress, their neurosurgeon son, Christopher, left his job at Tulane School of Medicine to work in France. His family plans to join him after the sale of their home. Kathy and Marshall continue to live in a beautiful apartment that looks south across Lake Geneva at the snow-capped French Alps beyond Evian. They chose it years ago, when Marshall became head of Berlitz travel books, with an office in nearby Lausanne in which our late classmate **Ken Bernstein** worked with Marshall after leaving NBC News in New York. As a friend of Marshall (who was called "Scotty" in those days) since we worked on *Jester* in the '40s, and since then a sometime guest of his and Kathy's in their London and Montreux homes, I wish him my heartfelt best. You can write the Mascotts at Rue du Theatre 8, 1820 Montreux, Switzerland.

On December 2, Craig S. DeYoung informed me that **Dr. William A. Vessie** had died of cancer the night before.

After serving as your class correspondent for more than three years, I may not be able to continue much longer. I urge anyone who is willing to succeed me to get in touch with me or with Laura Butchy, staff writer at *Columbia College Today*, who may be reached at (212) 870-2785 or lbb32@columbia.edu. One of the perks of the job is that you are given an annotated list of those class members of whom Columbia thinks it knows the whereabouts. Using that list, I have had a lot of fun getting in touch with classmates I used to know on campus and with some I never met, whom I telephoned because of their interesting occupations or locations or to amplify notes they sent the alumni office. If no one soon volunteers to succeed me, I will send the names of a few potential successors to our class president, counting on him to organize the kind of social pressure that got me to undertake the role. Meanwhile, my thanks for your interest, cooperation and positive comments, and my hopes that we all have a happier 2002.

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While I do not believe that any of our classmates was a victim of the mass murder at the World Trade Center on September 11, we, together with our compatriots and fellow humans, cannot have escaped its accompanying fallout. To all who lost friends or family members, we offer our deepest sympathy. To all who suffered direct or indirect economic loss, we offer our hopes for speedy recovery. To the hate-filled authors of the tragedy, we express our resolve to bring you to justice, to prevent repetition and to seek peace and mutual understanding among the many diverse cultures that make up our only world.

John Weaver has offered to compile an e-mail directory for all '49ers. He asks that those of you who have an e-mail address send it to WUDCHPR@aol.com. John attended attended Homecoming at Baker Field and sat with **Fred Berman**, with whom he commiserated regarding the lopsided score. They spent halftime with Naomi and **Marv Lipman**. As sad as they all were about the score, John reports that there is still an inescapable good feeling when classmates meet. As infrequent as these occasions may be, the bond of shared undergraduate days makes them a time of warm feelings. John's special enhancement was to be there with his son, John Dryland-Weaver, a member of the class of 2005.

Marvin Harris, a classmate who stayed at Columbia as a graduate student and tenured faculty member (anthropology) of worldwide distinction (and, in his case, controversy), reached the end of a most productive and colorful life on October 25 and was eulogized in a fascinating obituary in *The New York Times*. To his survivors, we extend our condolences in the hopes that their memories of many good times will soon give them comfort in their grief. *(Please see page 12 for more information on Harris.)*

Stan Edelman reports as chairman of his P&S class of 1953, which is preparing to celebrate its 50th reunion in May 2003, that they have set up the Dr. Harold Brown Fellowship in Medicine, which will assist third- and fourth-year medical students in their travels for foreign medical education. Stan notes that 29 College graduates were accepted by P&S in 1949 — possibly the largest number of College students to enter P&S in one year. Our times were unique because those accepted were mainly combat veterans of World War II, older (and wiser) than most present entrants to medical schools.

To all who read this, warm wishes for a happy holiday season among the people you love!

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Fred Dietz writes: "Dorothy and I are once again New Yorkers. We have abandoned the balmy beaches of Sandy Key for the rock-strewn shores of Lake Ontario." (Colorfully stated, Fred.) The Dietzes live in Fair Haven, Cayuga County, so they hopped down to Ithaca for the Columbia-Cornell football game and sang (for the first time in more than 50 years) "Roar, Lion, Roar" as the Lions won by one touchdown.

Another golden wedding anniversary to report — Ethel and **Walter Laske** (formerly Laskoski), last summer.

I now have 35 classmates in my e-mail address book. If anyone has joined the cyber ranks since we reported the addresses in the 50th anniversary yearbook, please send me your address. I promise I will use it for Columbia business only. I'll not spam you with the jokes, political material, philosophical discussions, patriotic messages or ads for Viagra, which, like all e-mail users, you receive every day. And of course I will keep it confidential.

I extend to all of you and your families my best wishes for the coming year.

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This past October, **Joe Di Palma** was honored at a reception in New York at the Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum of the Smithsonian Institution. Joe received the Tiffany Smithsonian Benefactors Award and was admitted to the Smithsonian Benefactors Circle. His wife, Joycelyn, gave an emotional speech and made reference to the September 11 terrorist attack.

Joe sent in these updates about '52-ers: Former law school dean **Frank Walwer** and his wife, Mary Ann, have settled in Bradenton, Fla. They purchased a second condo in the same complex where they live so that family and friends can have their "own digs" when they visit. **Rick Tashjian** and his wife, Isabel, enjoy babysitting their two grandchildren, who live in Putnam County (north

of Westchester). Rick and Isabel were joined by **Jim Santos** and his wife, Ruth, at the above-mentioned reception. Unfortunately, Evelyn and I were not able to attend because we were visiting England, Scotland and Wales.

By this time, you should have received the mailing that explains the changes in the dates and details for our 50th Reunion. The Alumni Affairs office was able to make arrangements so that we can be accommodated on campus. The dates are now as originally planned, and the reunion will start on Thursday, May 30 and run to Sunday, June 2. We will have air-conditioned rooms with private bath on campus. And we have a lot of things planned, including Broadway shows. But, you have to act quickly!

The Reunion Committee is sorry about all the confusion, but we believe that the final result will prove worthwhile. If you did not receive the revised information, please contact Heather Applewhite at the Office of Alumni Affairs at (212) 870-2757. This is our "big one," so don't miss it!

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George Lowry: "I've been to several Cornell reunions (with my wife) and they were very successful because her class was involved in the planning, rather than leaving it up to the Alumni Office. Since we've got a big one coming up in 18 months, I think it's high time we got involved. I'd like to form a reunion committee that would work out the details, get involved with promotion and fund raising and make sure we're not stuck at Faculty House with a speaker not of our choosing."

"So my questions to you are (1) What do you think of the idea? (2) Will you join the committee and (3) Can you suggest other people to join."

"My e-mail at home is lowrys@aol.com."

Frankly, I think George has a superb idea and this is the best way for us to ensure that our 50th anniversary is a memorable (reasonably priced), wonderful event. Would you please let George know as soon as possible if you would like to participate in our 50th Reunion committee! Our goal is to have every living member of the class attend.

On a personal note, George is now semi-retired. His older son, Nicholas, has taken over as president of his company. His wife is a partner in the famous Argosy Book Store in Manhattan, where she works full time along with George's younger son, Benjamin.

Ralph Schoenstein: As you may recall, Ralph is a class humorist who is the co-author of a number of Bill Cosby books. Several days ago, I received a copy of the jacket for his new book, *Toilet Trained for Yale*, which will be published by Perseus Books in March. The subtitle is, *Adventures in 21st Century Parenting*.

Ralph reports that *Toilet Trained for Yale* is a blend of humor, social criticism and a memory (with a few lines about Columbia). Ralph's note didn't indicate which (if any) of our classmates are mentioned in the book. Given Ralph's wonderful zesty sense of humor, next March, we'll all have to buy a copy and carefully read every page looking for our names.

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A couple of months ago, I was talking to (actually e-mailing) **Jim King** who, as many will remember, was captain of Columbia's baseball team during our era. We were talking about the whereabouts of our classmates who were members of the team. Jim offered to contact as many of these classmates as he could. The baseball office and the Alumni Office were helpful, but there are a number of people I will list below whose telephone numbers were missing or did not return calls. If anyone who reads this knows how to contact them, please do so and let us know how they are doing. The information below is about those who Jim was able to contact.

Hal Jorgensen (infielder) is living in Brooklyn and retired five years ago from an executive position with the computer division of the NYC Human Resources Department. Hal's main wish was for a world free of nuclear disasters and one in which children and grandchildren could grow up in freedom and happiness. It should be noted that this conversation took place prior to 9/11. **Dick Lomakin** (manager) is semi-retired from the real estate business and spends much of his time antiquing. He is most happy about his three sons contributing to society after some rough starts. Dick has spent most of his life in Union, N.J. **Dick Wall** is married with nine children and living in Bountiful, Utah. He has led an active, varied and productive vocational life: architecture major, Naval officer, Ph.D. in French linguistics, and taught and served as a department chair at Michigan State University. His career has covered government and the environmental and communication fields as well as owning companies. His retirement was scheduled to take place in November. **Bob Sherry** (outfielder) retired eight years ago as a vascular surgeon at the Montclair Community Hospital New Jersey. He and his wife have four sons. He lives in Centennial, Colo., which is a suburb of Denver.

The following classmates are unreachable. If you know them or of their whereabouts, please let Jim or myself know. They are **Andy Biache**, **John Ryan**, **Leo Bookman**, **Berge Hampar**, Tony Palladino '55 and **Bob Thomas**. Jim has done a wonderful job, and I hope this sets the stage for others who may have been part of a team, a club, a publication or a fraternity to contact those with whom they shared common experiences.

Herb Frommer's son Ross (who went to Tufts and Georgetown Law), has finally joined the Columbia family as deputy VP for governmental and community affairs of the Health Science Division (P&S). He joins our classmate (and also his father), Alan '57, Paul '57, Michele '86 and Ben '91. Herb is working on his grandson Evan as the next Columbian in the family. Herb also reports that **Ron Sugarman** has a beach house about 200 yards from his in Westhampton, and they see each other often. **Tom O'Reilly** is recovering quite nicely from a heart attack. At the time of this writing, I'm hopeful that Tom and I, along with many other Columbia alumni in the San Diego area, will have cheered our basketball team to victory against San Diego State on December 31. A win will be a nice way to end what has become a difficult year.

Please be healthy, wealthy in spirit and outlook, and wise (which is a given, as we are Columbia graduates). Also, please keep in touch.

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As we move into the cool winter weather in New York, the Columbia campus looks like a scene one would see on a postcard. The tall, majestic buildings surrounding South Field and Low steps, with their distinctive lighting, make our Alma Mater unique in terms of ambiance and feel to the casual and not-so-casual observer.

The Hamilton Hall renovation moves onward with the completion getting closer. For those who have been up to campus in the past few years, you will be happy to know that the temporary "building" (Lion's Court) that has housed displaced offices and departments soon will be removed (or so we have been told). Newly selected President Lee Bollinger will officially take over on July 1, 2002 to effect a seamless transition in terms of leadership of the University. The report from many sources (all reliable) is that he is great with students, faculty and even alumni; he is a runner (medal winner in the prestigious Millrose Games); he is a lawyer (Columbia Law '71); and he and his wife love New York. On another positive note, the admissions staff reports that the early decision applicant pool is greater than last year's, and that interest in Columbia College is as high as ever, even in the wake of the September 11 tragedy. There also has been a lot of interaction between students and alumni in terms of networking and mentoring.

As usual, there is constant activity at your favorite school. The traditions continue: Orgo Night, the Tree Lighting and Yule Log ceremonies all recently took place, giving a festive and party-like atmosphere for students, faculty, administrators, deans and alumni to enjoy. As for our classmates, an award or two is always there to be picked up by one of our guys. **Allen Hyman**, professor of anesthesiology at P&S, was one of two recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Award for the Year 2001 given by Presbyterian Hospital in the late fall. Not quite as impressive, but an award nonetheless, was the MVE (Most Valuable Engineer) selection given to **Jack Freeman** at the Baseball Alumni Reunion.

We espied **Anthony Viscusi** at the Dean's Scholarship Reception held at the Columbia Club in early November. Anthony is working on myriad consulting projects. Also at this overflow event was **Larry Balfus**, who among his many activities is chair of the Nassau County Alumni Recruitment Committee. **Donn Coffee** made an appearance at a special Alumni Federation Luncheon where the keynote speaker was the chairman of the Board of Trustees, David Stern. Donn also is deeply involved with the Remembrance Memorial Project.

Up north in Rochester, **Beryl Nusbaum** is still practicing what he does best — law. He stays in touch with our classmate who owns the Cleveland Browns, **Al Lerner**, and **Harlan Hertz** from the same city. **Dan Hovey** stops by every so often to visit Beryl from Fairport, N.Y. **Alfred Gollomp** left his Brooklyn residence recently to journey to the Midwest, where he saw **Jim Berick** among his many stops.

Ed Francell has passed on to

us an Alumni Song, which was composed at the turn of the 20th century and given to his grandfather on his 90th birthday in 1954. Talk about oldies but goodies — a true collector's item. Ed, by the way, works for Prudential Realty in Atlanta.

Out West, **Jack Stuppin** keeps on painting and exhibiting. Jack had an exhibition at the L.A. Art Show held at UCLA entitled "Sonoma Landscape." We wonder if Jack's good buddy, **John Helmers,** made it out there.

In looking through some old issues of *Spectator*, we happened to see some of the exploits of Saturday's heroes — **Bob Mercier**, **Dick Carr**, **Neil Opdyke**, **John Nelson** and Massachusetts' own **Al Ginepra**. Rumor has it that the retirees in Florida are looking for a challenge game against anybody, anywhere, and Bob, when he is not practicing dentistry in Arizona, is playing flag football. **Harvey Greenberg**, living on Manhattan's fashionable West Side, should be pleased to hear that after a long lapse (not his), *Jester* will reappear on the Columbia scene. This should be good news as well to Ohioan **Don Price** and Salem, N.Y.'s **Carlo Caffuzzi**.

In researching what our classmates are doing, everyone should be aware that there are a great many with doctorates in various fields. **Stewart Musket**, originally from South Charleston, W.Va., has retired from computer consulting and lives in Richardson, Texas. **Bob Suggs** also has retired to a very pleasant environment in Boise, Idaho. Everyone is encouraged to visit Bob. Another classmate who makes Ohio his home is **George Stark**, chairman of research at Lerner Institute. We could have used George's Glee Club talents at our 45th Reunion. **Gareth Janney**, who left Berkey, Ohio, to seek his fortune in Bend, Ore., has retired as chief scientist at Hughes Aircraft.

If you have wondered where **David Winter** is, wonder no more. Dr. Dave is president/CEO of Human Organ Sciences in Gilroy, Calif. The Freeport, Long Island, native makes good! Onto a more esoteric occupation: **Bill Kronick**, the former Columbia Players and Gilbert & Sullivan star, has his own film/TV company in L.A., where he does a lot of good writing. Another retiree to Florida is **Warren Schindler,** who is enjoying himself in Boca Raton, although he still misses the winter weather in Brooklyn.

Gentlemen. Fellow 55ers. Be of good fortune. Stay well. The best is yet to come. Take care of your minds and bodies. It's almost three years to the 50th.

Love to all! Everywhere!

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Dear honored (at times) classmates,

What can we say post-9/11? We all try for normality but realize in the deep recesses that life has changed. NYC is as marvelous as ever and I, who was caught at a family wedding at Lake Tahoe, Nev., was overjoyed to finally make my way back to the Big Apple. I also haven't ventured further than the car would take me since, and plan to stay close to home for a while. I'm not impressed with the changes in airport security yet and even the new Congressional bill will take a while to put into practical action.

On a class note, we had a great Homecoming with the exception of the score against Penn. Sixteen guys and dolls got together, then came to me for fortification and then to dinner at an Upper West Side French restaurant. Participating in this great fun were **Steve Easton** and Elke (they are doing well), **Danny Link** and Eleanor (a lovely lady), **Larry Gitten** and Vera, **Mark Novick** and Maya, **Mike Spett** and Lisa, **Bob Siroty** and Margo, **Bill Gregory** and Vicki and yours truly and Janet. Also at the game were **Lou Hemmerdinger** and Anita and **Lenny Wolfe**, sans Ruth, who is feeling much better and we pray returns to 100 percent so that she can join us in the future. Our next attempt at football was the Harvard game on a lovely Saturday, again except for the score. Janet and I drove up with Steve and Elke and met **Bob Siroty** there. Bob hasn't missed a game, which impresses me. Retirement, as a hematologist, seems to fit him well and a telephone call just asked if I was going to the Brown game. Janet and I were going to Connecticut but there seemed to be a negative correlation between my presence at a football game and the score so it was just as well I didn't go. However, we discussed as the next event a basketball game in February. It is really great fun and the current gym is 1,000 percent better than that old dingy one we experienced. So let me know who is interested, and we can make an evening of it. Otherwise, no news from my classmates, and I hope you do better over the next few months. Do keep in touch. You can call me at (212) 712-2369 or fax (212) 875-0955. (Only use e-mail as a last resort, as I don't read it religiously.)

One further note. At the Dean's Scholarship reception, where I chatted with three of our scholarship students plus a number of other students, as well as alumni and professorial friends, Austin assured me that that eyesore on the quad *[The Lions Court, a.k.a. the Tin Box]* would be removed shortly and we would be in for an aesthetic experience at Columbia. In addition, I was pleased that our sometimes marching band was dressed uniformly in rugby attire, a vast improvement from five or six years ago when I wrote a letter to President Rupp about the situation. Who knows, but we may get blazers someday.

So here's wishing you all health, wealth and happiness.

[CORRECTION: Two name errors appeared in the November issue of CCT: Steve Easton's name was misspelled and Larry Gitten was incorrectly referred to as Larry Gill.]

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Marty Fisher and **Ed Weinstein** report that Marty and Doris, **Steve Fybish, Mark** and Helaine **Stanton,** Ed and Sandra Weinstein, and **Paul** and Dianne **Zola** attended the Homecoming football game and dined together under the reunion tent. Also there were ex-grapplers **Dave Kinne** and **Tony Antonio,** and our all-Ivy guard, **Ralph Brunori** (all the way from Clarks Summit, Pa.). They enjoyed a splendid day: bright sun, clear sky and colorful festivities. Nevertheless, something must have infected our Lions, who went down in defeat at the hands of Penn's warlike Quakers, 35-7. It was a good game until the third quarter, with the score at 14-7, before things got out of hand.

Rabbi **Alvin Kass** was one of the clergy officiating at the memorial service held at Ground Zero on October 28 for families of the September 11 victims. Alvin, senior chaplain of the NYPD, earlier in the month participated in the ceremonies at Yankee Stadium.

The Fall 2001 issue of *Spa Finder* features an article, "Lovers in Los Angeles," by Lois B. Morris, featuring **Bob Lipsyte** and Lois. The journalist couple enjoy taking a vacation at the end of a business trip "at an elegant hotel with a plush spa." They always travel with their laptops and constantly check their e-mail. The magazine asked Lois and Bob to check out the new spas at the Four Seasons, The Peninsula, The Century Plaza and the St. Regis. In order "to provide an authentic L.A. experience for readers who do not need a business excuse to travel, [they] decided to leave [their] computers behind."

This omission opened "a whole new world of possibilities." Lois tells of their shopping for exotic fruits and vegetables at the Hollywood Farmers' Market and for custom-designed furniture and antiques in Venice Beach. They then proceeded to luxuriate in treatment rooms and cabanas and swim laps in the pool. Bob even had a facial, his first, "com[ing] out looking like a million bucks." Later they visited the Getty Museum, where Jan Steen's painting, *Bathsheba After the Bath* quite appropriately may be found.

After a workout and more shopping, they spent the rest of the trip's last day in Santa Monica. Bob had "another childhood flashback" at the air museum as he "[set] his eyes on a small, open-cockpit, single-engine prop plane"; it reminded him of the *Air Boy* comic book. After "a long lingering lunch" they walked down to the pier, where they watched children on the rides at the amusement park.

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An article in *The New Yorker* by Jeffrey Toobin entitled "Crackdown," analyzing the new post-9/11 antiterrorism legislation, included extensive quotes from **Mort Halperin**. Mort is no stranger to government surveillance, having been the victim of wiretaps ordered by Henry Kissinger when Mort was with the National Security Council — an episode that led to a long legal battle and an eventual apology from Kissinger. As for the new laws, Mort finds it worrisome that intelligence surveillance has been given broader scope: "If the government thinks you're under the control of a foreign government, they can… break into your home, copy your hard drive and never tell you."

Classmates on the move include **Fred Silverblatt**, who has returned to the East Coast and is now chief of primary care at the V.A. Medical Center in Providence, R.I. Heading in the other direction, **Ronald Christ**, professor emeritus of English at Rutgers and a translator, has retired to Santa Fe, N.M. **Tom Henkel** also has left the New York area and is now a technical specialist with Duke Solar Energy in Raleigh, N.C. Tom previously was the chairman of the physics department at Wagner College on Staten Island. **Steve Scheff** doesn't miss those New England winters; he now lives in Estero, Fla., and teaches at Florida Gulf Coast U.

Here's our reminder about the class lunch that **Scott Shukat**

hosts on the second Tuesday of every month in the Grill Room of the Princeton/Columbia Club, 15 W. 43rd St. ($31 per person). You can let Scott know if you plan to attend up to the day before by phone at (212) 582-7614 or by fax at (212) 315-3752.

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Our monthly first-Thursday noon lunches at the Columbia Club on West 43rd Street continue to stimulate, inform and amuse. November's discussions ranged from baseball and hockey (hockey?) to ethics and Aeschylus (no preparation or prior reading required, as the topics arise spontaneously; nor do the evanescent remnants of our once dependable knowledge inhibit the free flow of opinions expressed with conviction and absolute certitude).

The offering at October's lunch was claimed by the tragic events of September 11 and decidedly less lighthearted. We received a harrowing, firsthand account of the collapse of the Twin Towers. Our intrepid **David Kirk** had once again survived a World Trade Center disaster. In 1993, David, then employed by the Port Authority, escaped from the 72nd floor of the North Tower during the terrorist car-bomb attack. Now, in the offices of his consulting firm on the 18th floor of the South Tower, David, upon hearing the impact of the jetliner crashing into the North Tower and observing from his window an inexplicable blizzard of paper "like a ticker tape parade," directed that his floor be evacuated. In the plaza area, he dodged burning metal, building materials and debris that rained down after the second jetliner struck the South Tower. He watched in horror as victims jumped from their office windows to escape flames and intense heat or were thrust from their offices, falling to the plaza below not more than 50 yards from where he stood. David reentered the WTC, exited on Vesey Street, took refuge in the City Hall subway station and traveled uptown. Then, returning downtown by foot en route to his daughter's apartment, he encountered hordes of survivors fleeing lower Manhattan, spectral apparitions covered in white dust. David has always delighted us with reminiscences of his humorous Columbia escapades and days in the Navy. Thus, it was especially sobering and poignant to have "The Unsinkable" David Kirk relate this most traumatic experience.

Homecoming 2001: Prior to kickoff, the Columbia band serenaded the assembled students, alumni, faculty, families and friends under the big tent at Baker Field, delivering exuberant renditions of "Roar, Lion, Roar" and other music appropriate to the setting, concluding with "Alma Mater." Rocking to the rhythms, pumped by the music, Noah Tanzman puts on his game face, ready to enter Wien Stadium for the beginning of play. Two-year-old Noah's game face is a winning smile and dancing eyes. He brings to the game doting grandparents **Larry** and Robin **Rubinstein**. Interrupting his sojourn at his weekend Connecticut home, **Bob Berne** settles into a stadium seat. Is he here to watch Columbia attempt an upset of powerful Ivy League contender Penn, or is he here to observe the performance of the Columbia Lion in the suit that he donated? The Lion never appears. The Lion's a no-show at Homecoming! And there's no upset on the field. **David Kirk** and Anna Marie also enjoy that crisp, bright autumn day as we look in vain for Columbia pass completions and for the elusive Lion.

Congratulations to **Irwin Sollinger**. Daughter Emily will be married this summer. Rabbi **Larry Rubinstein** will officiate.

My son, Danny '98, now applying to medical schools, enjoyed a visit in October to the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and was greatly impressed. By coincidence, his interviewer was our own **Edward Curtiss**, a cardiologist and member of the admissions committee. Having mentioned Danny, a further personal note: I have been able to make no more valuable contribution to Columbia than the enrollment of my children. They're far more accomplished than I was at their age. My son, Josh '91, has been in Uzbekistan for more than three years, two as a Peace Corps volunteer and now in his second year as country director for Internews, a nonprofit organization that fosters independent media in emerging democracies. Living in Tashkent, Josh, while running the Internews operation, also has served as a resource for foreign journalists now in Uzbekistan covering the war in Afghanistan and has been interviewed on radio and television for background on the region. As time permits, he has prepared reports published on Eurasianet.org, a daily Internet news and analytic service covering Central Asia. My daughter, Shira, has a degree from General Studies and is a marketing consultant with Brand Leadership in New York. She completed her first New York City Marathon this fall, covering the course in 3:50. My daughter, Emily, is completing the requirements for a Columbia master's degree in physical therapy and looks forward to graduating this June.

Columbia College Today has increased its publication schedule to six issues a year. So, more than ever, news from you is essential. Please send a note or an e-mail advising where you are, what you're doing, what's happening in your life, your career, your travels, your hobbies — whatever is important to you — and it'll get into this column. You don't want me to make stuff up.

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Sam Marateck is a faculty member at the Courant Institute of Math at NYU. Sam holds a Ph.D. in physics. This year, he was one of the recipients of the NYU Golden Dozen award for excellence in teaching. **Stuart Newman** and his wife, Joyce, celebrated the arrival of their first grandchild, Jacqueline Rose, born to their son, Steve '87E, and his wife, Cindy. Stuart is fairly certain that she will attend Columbia. **Jim Ammeens**'s company, Neema Clothing Ltd., has entered into a strategic alliance with Peerless Clothing, Inc., combining Peerless' production capabilities in North America with the worldwide sourcing network of Neema. Jim continues as CEO of Neema and will assume the newly created position of chairman and CEO of Peerless Clothing International. Neema Clothing was created in 1991 by Jim through his acquisition of Sportsclothes, Ltd., a 50-year-old manufacturer of clothing with established production facilities in the Far East. He has since developed the company into a highly successful men's clothing company with worldwide sourcing for Neema's private label and branded programs.

Marty Kaplan, after practicing law at Hale and Dorr in Boston for 37 years, has relocated to its New York office. He and wife, Wendy, are delighted to be nearer to three of their children (all Columbia graduates), Marty's daughter, Shira '89, married to Eric Kahan and expecting their first child; and Wendy's sons David Tompkins '94, married to Belinda Horton, Barnard '93; and Andrew Tompkins '98. Marty's son, Jonathan, who lives in Washington D.C., is married to Jill Watkins. They have produced the first grandson, Harry. Marty's other son, Benjamin, lives in San Francisco. Marty serves as a trustee of two foundations as a major part of his practice. Wendy is an independent art curator, currently organizing a major touring exhibition of contemporary Danish ceramics.

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Our hearts still cry over the wanton destruction and loss of innocent life on September 11. While Columbia has informed us about losses incurred as an entire institutional family, I think that we should learn as a class about any and all losses we may have sustained. In addition, I would solicit, as your faithful correspondent, your individual stories and personal anecdotes regarding the tragedy and its aftermath. You may write or e-mail to the addresses printed above or call me at (781) 744-8780 during the day and (617) 969-7548 in the evening. I look forward to receiving your material and will faithfully reprint it in this space in subsequent issues.

As I write this, the crisp fall air and the falling brightly colored leaves remind me of the passing of the seasons, and the imminent arrival of Thanksgiving. Despite our losses, I hope you counted your blessings and enjoyed the holiday season.

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October's Homecoming was a welcome reprieve from the gloom and anxiety that descended on New York City after September 11.

I noted the following in attendance: **Howard Jacobson,** deputy general counsel of the University, whose son Josh is now in kindergarten; **Steve Singer,** sporting a Columbia College tote bag, who reported on a dinner a few weeks before with **Larry Kessler,** professor of law at Hofstra; **Al Butts, John Cirigliano, Jim McGroarty** and **Joe O'Donnell,** all of whom attended the Homecoming football luncheon; **Ed Leavy; Jonathan Cole,** provost of the University;

Bob Nash, who is retired and living in Newton, Conn.; and **Kevin DeMarrais**. Kevin, a business writer at the New Jersey *Record*, recently received awards from two journalists' organizations for the top business story of the year in New Jersey, an in-depth analysis of the supermarket industry in that state. If you attended, and I missed you, please forgive me and write so I can put you in the next column.

Joel Abramson writes that on September 11 he arrived at court in Queens and learned from a court officer that "the World Trade Center is no longer part of the New York skyline" Joel has a law office in Manhattan, is a grandfather, and since 1996 has been president of Likud USA, the United States branch of the Likud party in Israel.

Peter Machamer, a professor of history and the philosophy of science at the University of Pittsburgh, is co-editor of *Scientific Controversies: Philosophical and Historical Perspectives* (Oxford University Press, 2000).

Finally, **Allen Goldberg** writes that the events of September 11 renewed his pride in the courage and commitment of his father, a New York City fireman who was injured during our freshman year fighting a fire in Brooklyn and awoke after two weeks in a coma, permanently disabled. Allen, professor of pediatrics at Loyola University Chicago, has taken a year off to "give back" for his life's blessings. He is working with his mentor, the former Surgeon General E. Everett Koop, to return the medical profession to its humanitarian traditions. He welcomes inquiries at www.chestnut.org.

Best wishes for a healthy and safe year to all our classmates and their loved ones.

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Terrorists notwithstanding, your correspondent had a Class of '65 Day one recent autumn Saturday in New York City.

It was a getting-errands-done kind of day. On my way to a prominent West Side appetizing shop, I ran into **Allen Brill** and his wife, Irene, and we had a good chat. Then, loaded with groceries, I headed to midtown to pick up a coat at a leather tailor. While leaning over the counter, I was smothered by a powerful, surprise bear-hug. It was **Doug Barnert**, who was getting some luggage repaired that he'd beaten up on a recent business trip to London. Doug, whose Vassar-attending son was in his car outside, insisted on driving me home with my coat and groceries. Then I went to a bookstore to get something on the now necessary-to-know history of the Middle East (which I'd not studied at Columbia despite CC and Oriental Civ). While ascending on the up escalator, I greeted **David Denby**, who was passing on the down escalator. Didn't find out what books he'd just selected, though.

Life goes on, with our classmates a part of it. Please share how you're living and coping, too.

Derek Wittner reports that he heard from a number of classmates in the aftermath of September 11 who were concerned about Columbia and alumni who may have been affected. Among them: **Ed Merlis** checked in from Washington, D.C., where he continues to work for the FAA, and **Ralph Freidin**, who practices internal medicine and whose daughter, Liz '00, lives in Brooklyn.

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*[**Editor's note:** Due to a heavy workload, including his service to Columbia with the Alumni Recruitment Committee,* **Stuart Berkman** *has asked for a brief respite from his responsibilities as class correspondent.* **Joe Cody** *has stepped up and agreed to fill in on an interim basis. CCT thanks Stuart for his loyal service over the years and thanks Joe for taking over for the next few issues. Classmates should send notes to Joe at the address above.]*

I am delighted to be able to serve as correspondent for the 1966 Class Notes until **Stuart Berkman** is ready to resume his fine stewardship of this column.

I had dinner in NYC recently with **Tony Helfet**. Many will remember Tony as a South African economics major and member of Alpha Chi Rho fraternity. After a stint in the Marine Corps, Tony entered business, moved to San Francisco and raised a family, one of whom currently attends the College (Katherine '05). Nice job, Tony. I also had dinner with **Fran Furey** from San Francisco. Fran and his wife, Jane, were en route to Barcelona.

Under the direction (prodding?) of **Mark Amsterdam, Rich Forzani** writes that a number of fellow '66ers met for what is hoped to be a monthly informal luncheon in NYC, this time at the Peking Park Restaurant at 40th and Park on October 25. Joining Mark and Rich were **Rick Reder, Harvey Kurzweil, Gene Martin-Leff, Paul Ehrlich, Ed Kabak, Robert Gurland** and **Mike Garrett**. The agenda was informal, devoted mostly to who got to turn the lazy Susan and when. Those in attendance had lots of fun engaging in idle gossip and catching up. Most amazing, given the preponderance of lawyers and doctors present, was that there was no argument over the check. Please e-mail Mark at mamsterdam@aol.com for info on future lunches.

"Hold fast to the spirit of youth. Let the years come and do what they may." **Tom Chorba** writes that he and **Bob Klingensmith** were masters of ceremony at an October tribute to yours truly. A luncheon was served to approximately 80 of my friends at Lerner Hall. I thank Tom for submitting the following: "Joe was named the first recipient of the Old Blue Rugby Football Club Spirit of Old Blue Award. Testimonials were read from many classmates including **Fran Furey, Klinger, Bob Patton, Rich Forzani** and myself. Many Columbia football and rugby alumni attended, including **Roger Dennis, Bill Smith**, Joe Tuths '67, Mike Sherlock '70, Ed Malmstrom '65, Dick Donelli '59, Al Butts '64, Rich Coppo '69, Richie Brown '68, Bill Campbell '62 and Lew Fischbein '72. Joe was the recipient of roses and arrows and often spoke in rebuttal to outright lies that were being told about him, his undergraduate days and his life after as a rugby player and general bon vivant. The stated principles behind the spirit award are courage, persistence and a will to win. Those classmates who know Joe also know that these honors are simply an extension of his daily approach to life. 'Tomorrow's the future still. This is today.' Cheers, Joe."

I thank all those who attended, and I urge the class to stay in touch. I have some data collected during the 35th reunion last spring that I'll publish in the next issue. Thanks again for giving me this opportunity.

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I got e-mail and the regular stuff…

Howie Scher kindly (and finally) provided an update. He's an attorney (Columbia Law '71) with the appellate staff of the civil division of the Justice Department in D.C., a position he's held since 1979. He and his wife live in Frederick, Md., where his wife's a (early) childhood education specialist for Frederick County. His offspring are thriving. His daughter's a Wesleyan graduate ('90) with a graduate degree in international business from South Carolina ('96); she's married, lives in Brooklyn and works in the financial district. His older son, a Brown graduate ('00), works in D.C., and his younger son graduates from Cornell in the spring. Howie "couldn't convince" any of them "to consider Columbia." Oh, well. Thanks for the update, Howie; do it again soon. And… I do remember you, so keep in touch.

Tom Russo has "moved again, back to the D.C. area" — a job-related move and hopefully "the last. We saw Linda and **Peter Kakos** in late August," while "they were moving youngest son Aaron into a D.C. apartment for his second year at Corcoran School of Art. We had a great visit."

Steve Steindel, senior rabbi at Congregation Beth Shalom in Pittsburgh, wrote to me asking for Tom Russo's address, which I had and provided (OK, Tom?). They were roommates in Carman during sophomore year. Glad I could help. Steve, in turn, provided an update for the column.

Though several members of the class live and/or work in lower Manhattan, none, as far as I know, were involved in the WTC disaster. Best wishes to all for the New Year.

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Jonathan Souweine was appointed to the Connecticut River Study Advisory Committee. He notes: "The beautiful Connecticut River bisects Hampshire County and cuts off the University of Massachusetts at Amherst from Northampton, Route 91 and the Berkshires. In our county, there is only one bridge crossing, and it is no longer adequate for the demands being made on it. We also are dealing with the mall-sprawl so common on state highways near dense population centers such as created by the 25,000 students at the university. This committee will help study and implement an integrated transportation upgrade that will facilitate the crossing and access to the university, hopefully in a manner that will reduce or at least slow the mall-sprawl problem. The

YOUNG LIONS: ***Why are we printing this 13-year-old photo of a Denver boys soccer team? To show the power of starting them off young — which may be why one of their coaches,*** **Howard Selinger '71** ***(red shirt), chose Lions for the team's nickname. Three of the 7-year-olds in the front row are now Columbia Lions:*** **Jeffrey Waldman '03** ***(second from left),*** **Daniel Touff '04** ***(center) and*** **Gil Selinger '03** ***(second from right). They lost touch after elementary school and attended different high schools: Waldman graduated from Colorado Academy in Littleton, Colo., Touff from Milton Academy in Cambridge, Mass., and Selinger from George Washington H.S. in Denver. But once a Lion, always a Lion, and the three were reunited at Columbia.***
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process and result should be most interesting." Jonathan is a partner in the law firm of Lesser Newman Souweine & Nasser, with a practice in real estate law and civil litigation. His younger son, Isaac, is in the Class of '02. Jonathan and his family continue to live in the "House," which was the subject of the Tracy Kidder book of that name.

It's an e-mail world: News comes into my computer, gets edited for the column and is then forwarded to *CCT*, which lifts the text from my e-mail. It works so well — provided classmates perform the first step. While you have the issue in hand, log on.

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The most dramatic news was the sighting of **Al Boff** at the Brown football game. According to Al, this was his first sojourn back to Baker Field in 30 years. Despite the game's outcome, Al enjoyed the experience and promised to return next year. Al is now retired. He enjoyed a very successful career in the rock industry, which included managing several well known groups. Also at the Brown game was **Bernie Josefsberg**, who is now the assistant superintendent of the Wayne N.J. School District after several years as principal of New Canaan HS in Connecticut. It was also great to see **Jim Miller** again. Jim, who is one of WKCR's all-time great sportscasters, was back on campus to attend festivities at the station's new studios.

Finally, in the new "I'm now a grandpa department" is news from **Norman Greene**. Norm, a Manhattan based lawyer, gleefully reports that he is a new grandpa. His oldest daughter just gave birth to a healthy girl. Congrats! In sharp contrast is **Art Kokot**, a NY real estate mogul. Art frequently can be spotted squatting in a Riverside Park sandbox with his toddler daughter. Way to go, Art.

As for the rest of you, I remain desperate for class news. Please let *CCT* know what you've been up to.

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Bennett Weinberg has authored, with Bonnie K. Bealer, *The World of Caffeine: The Science and Culture of the World's Most Popular Drug* (Routledge, 2001), "the first book in any language to tell the complete cultural, social, historical, scientific and medical account of a drug used regularly by more than 90 percent of the people on earth. The book has been favorably reviewed by the *New England Journal of Medicine*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, *Wired*, *Food and Wine*, the *London Evening Standard*, the *London Guardian*, etc., and was the subject of a major feature article in *The New Yorker* (July 30, 2001). I was recently interviewed by Scott Simon on NPR's *Weekend Edition*. Would love to hear from classmates and especially to learn of experiences with caffeine." Write Bennett at baw@bawinc.com.

These days there can be more than caffeine keeping some people awake. This class's last column was devoted to September 11, but other classes are doing so in this issue instead. I am keeping this column short to give them more space.

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Unlike several College classes, we were spared the loss of classmates at the hands of the terrorists on September 11. But it took a bit of luck to do it. Bill Geissler's '77 office was on the 25th floor of Tower 2. He writes: "I was on a New Jersey Transit train arriving in Hoboken when the second aircraft crashed through the second tower. All of my company's employees were evacuated safely, although we lost one passenger on the United flight from Boston." **Jim Sabella**, a partner in the law firm of Sidley Austin Brown & Wood, also had offices in the World Trade Center. Fortunately, he was seeing a client in midtown at the fateful hour. His firm, too, lost one employee.

Echoing an experience that many of our classmates must have had, William Rochelle '69 writes, "Our family is OK. However, six fathers of children at my son's school died." We all were victims of the terror on September 11, no matter where we were.

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In the wake of September 11, all else seemed to pale; a new form of communiqué appeared in a *CCT* envelope, though — a short list of classmates with some shorter notes attached, but all were given the status of "unharmed." This was a good thing.

From the list: **Dave Colangelo** is still living in Northern Virginia and working in Washington, D.C.; **John Cusker** resides in California but was in NYC on September 9; **Nick Iversen** works in midtown. **Peter Herger** says, "Heal, beloved city; I know Columbia and Columbians will be helping in many ways…" **Don Jackson** also is "alive and well" and continues, "Remember, we will win, but it will not be free of sacrifice. God bless America." **Lorin Walker**, **Frank Canosa** and **Mayer Grosser** were simply "unharmed."

On a foreign note, **Drew Gerstle** studied and taught in Japan and Australia from the late '70s and since 1993 has been Professor of Japanese Studies at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. He's been married since 1976, and his son, Christopher, is in his final year at Leeds University. His book *Chikamatsu: Five Late Plays* was published this year by Columbia University Press. He mentioned that the new Research Center for Asian and African Literatures at SOAS has established several links with current Columbia faculty.

And so we strive on. Peace go with us, brothers.

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The recent dearth of letters and e-mails has made assembling this column more challenging. Fortunately, I have been able to enlist the help of my spouse and other classmates to update you on the latest news from the gang.

My wife, Sue, came home the other day from the Barnard Toddler Center (a program for 2-year-olds that my daughter, Katie, is attending) and related that she met **Richard Briffault** (associate dean at the Law School) who was dropping off his son, Jonathan. The head of the program was surprised that Sue and Richard knew each other, and then heard that Richard and I graduated from the College in 1974. One of the assistant instructors overheard the exchange and said, "My *father* graduated from the College in 1974!" It was Columbia sophomore Katie Meehan, daughter of **Bill Meehan** (a partner at McKinsey & Co. in San Francisco). I guess it is getting harder to separate the various generations of Columbians.

This might lead you to presume that Richard and I were the last two to add new members to the extended family of the Class of '74. Astute readers of this column would already remember that **Jonathan Cuneo** (a D.C. lawyer) and his wife, Mara Liasson, have a daughter who is now a year old. But now I receive a birth announcement from **Isaac Palmer** (an entertainment lawyer in Los Angeles) and his wife, Pattie, proclaiming the birth of their third child, Avery Roger Palmer, in early October 2001. (The holder of the "earliest member of the Class of '74 family" is sure to evolve — please write or e-mail new candidates.)

Evidence of a different type of fertility came in the mail from

Italy, where Alberico Cetti Serbelloni Editore announced that they had published the first large-scale monograph dedicated to the portraiture of **Timothy Greenfield-Sanders**. It cites Timothy for having "created the most imposing portrait gallery of famous faces in recent times." Not a surprise, as among the 350 published portraits are Lou Reed, Jimmy Carter, Monica Lewinsky, Steven Spielberg, Willem De Kooning and Muhammad Ali. (It is rumored that I'm coming up soon on the list.) You can get a copy at the Museum of Modern Art or the more plebian Amazon.com.

I end this tale with two vignettes of two lawyer classmates who had different dislocations related to the attack of September 11. The first involves **Frank Bruno**, the only classmate I know of who worked in the World Trade Center. Frank, a partner at the former law firm of Brown & Wood (which was recently rechristened Sidney Austin Brown & Wood) is alive and well and relocated to a temporary office at 52nd Street and Third Avenue in midtown Manhattan. The other story deserves its own paragraph!

If it is early September and the world has just been shocked by the assault of the World Trade Center, and if most Americans are afraid of flying and anything involving the Muslim sphere, what do you think **Larry Silverman** did? Well, this Covington & Burling litigation partner delayed his trip two weeks and then proceeded on to a hiking adventure in Ladakh, in the India Himalayas close to war-torn Kashmir and a mere scud from Afghanistan. There he climbed Mount Stok Kangri, some 19,000 feet above sea level. "There were troops all over the place," said fearless Larry. No kidding.

You don't have to father another child, shoot a famous photo or take a foolhardy adventure to be mentioned here. Just mail or e-mail me a factoid of your or another classmate's mundane news and your classmates will be felicitous!

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As I compile these notes, the events of September 11 and their aftermath still weigh heavily on us, and the future is unclear. In the days following September 11, I had the opportunity to communicate with some of you, and it was very good to be in touch with you. Some of the notes that follow come from those communications.

I ran into **Barry Concool** and his daughter, Micaela, in October at the Philadelphia area introduction to Columbia reception. Because Micaela has applied to the College for admission next fall, Barry will not be interviewing prospective students this year. **Michael Dulberg** is well and practicing law in Phoenix. **Robert Katz** attended the Society of Columbia Graduates dinner in October. The society is an organization composed of graduates of Columbia's undergraduate schools who have given at least 10 consecutive years of service to the University as alumni. Read on for more information about the society and the contributions that the Class of '75 makes to it.

Remon Lapid was away from his office at 111 Broadway, 1½ blocks from the WTC, and is one of our classmates who checked in on the September 11 status page created by the College (www.college.columbia.edu/wtc/). **Paul Argenti**, **Michael Bergmann**, **Andrew Gordon**, **Jeffrey Hon**, **Jeffrey Kessler**, **Ira Malin**, **Albert Mrozik**, **Gavin Nichols**, **George Robinson**, **Jeff Schnader** and **Richard Stein** also checked in.

Randolph S. McLaughlin, professor of law at Pace in White Plains, N.Y., was recently honored for helping Westchester County's African-American community. He was recognized for his work as founder-director of the school's Social Justice Center. **Terry Mulry** and his wife, Anne, enjoyed a September breakfast with our common Columbia adviser (in religion), Paul Valliere. It was great to hear from Terry, who was the best man at my 1975 wedding in St. Paul's Chapel, and also to get an update on Paul and his family. **Robert C. Schneider** has been a board member of the Society of Columbia Graduates since 1998 and also was a member of the Dinner Committee for the Society's 92nd Annual Dinner on October 11. The Great Teacher Awards for undergraduate teaching at the College and Engineering are presented at the society's dinner each year. Also in October, Bob became a sustaining member of the New York State Bar Association after 23 years as a regular member.

Dwight Valentine watched the events of September 11 on TV at his Boston law office. He writes: "My heart is with everyone, then, now, always. Be strong; stay the course; love one another." **Peter Zisson** was traveling in Phoenix on September 11. He rented a car upon arrival the previous Saturday and so was able to drive home to Memphis, leaving Phoenix on Thursday morning and arriving in Memphis on Friday night.

Classmates and friends, when you receive this issue in January 2002, at the end of the holiday season, I hope it finds you and your families happy and healthy and enjoying the new year. Best wishes to you all.

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Kathleen Morrow Bock and **Gordon Mitchell Bock** of Northfield, Vt., joyfully announce the birth of their daughter, Hadarah Eleanor Bock. Hadarah weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces upon arrival at Gifford Medical Center in Randolph, Vt., at 1:56 a.m. on August 31. Gordon was a double major in political science and urban studies and then received an M.S. from the School of Journalism in 1977. After a 15-year career as a reporter, writer and editor for United Press International, *U.S. News and World Report*, *Business Week* and *Time*, Gordon moved to Vermont. He is now a territory sales manager for Penn Veterinary Supply, Inc., based in Lancaster, Pa., with responsibility for Vermont and eastern New York State. Kathleen hails from Ogdensburg, N.Y., and received her B.A. in English textual studies with a minor in geography from Syracuse in 1993. She works as a respite care worker in central Vermont. The Bocks can be reached at PO Box 484, Montpelier, VT 05601-0484 or at ketchum@sover.net.

Many '76ers sent messages about the events and aftermath of September 11, some by means of the alumni Web site; the information here was provided by alumni to the Web site, and I hope it is accurate. **J. Louis Anon**, **Steven Braunstein**, **Henry Choi**, **Steve Eichel**, **Michael Gilbride**, **Jonathan Margolis**, **Walter Rivera** and **Allen Weingarten** report that they are unharmed. **Mark Abbott**'s office has reopened three blocks below Wall Street; **Kenneth Benton**'s New York office was located on the 47th floor of Tower One, but all three of his employees at that location are safe. **Arthur Steinberg** works in midtown and is fine; **Leszek Syski**, who works in Baltimore, reports that his son (Stephen '04) is fine. **Laurence Collins** is fine in Toledo, but his brother-in-law's cousin, who worked in the World Trade Center, is among the missing. **Daniel Konigsbach** and his wife sent sympathies from San Diego: "Our hearts go out to all the victims, their families, friends and loved ones."

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One of the rules that I laid down for myself when I started writing these notes was to avoid asking classmates to get in touch. That always seemed redundant to me. But in light of September 11, I think that it would be a good thing if all our New Yorkers and for that matter Northeasterners let us know how they are and how other area classmates are, if they know. As of November 18, we have heard from (or about) the following members of the Class of '77: **Etan Ben-Ami**, **Tony Dardis**, **Louis De Stefano**, **Arthur Markwalter**, **Jim O'Toole**, **Rufus Sadler** and **Wayne Turner**. I hope that anyone who lives or works within, say, 100 miles of Ground Zero will contact me or the College's September 11 update page: www.college.columbia.edu/wtc/.

Then there is the matter of Reunion Weekend: Although no plans have changed, I am guessing that it is going to feel a bit different than anyone had expected. I think also, though, that our 25th Reunion is going to be particularly important to attend. The dates are May 30 – June 2. For information (or to get involved), contact Sharen Ovalles at so290@columbia.edu or (212) 870-2742.

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The switch to six-times-a-year publication of the (even better than ever) *Columbia College Today* has put us out of sync with the collection of new news. Many of you just received the November issues and apparently are either so relieved that neither you nor your friends were libeled or misquoted, that you have decided to leave well enough alone and are purposefully neglecting the easy-to-use e-mail account through which you could reserve space for your own misadventures in this edition.

While this may work for this issue, it will not in the future. What will change, you ask, after 23 listless years? Well, I now have the CD that tells me where you are and what you do (or did at some uncertain point). And despite some awkward search capabilities, I can assure you that I will be mining the CD for impertinent and irrelevant information to fill future columns. Unless, that is, you send me real stuff.

Exciting news is that we have our first governor in the class. Former Woodbridge Mayor

Switching Sides

Long-time financial reporter and anchor **John Metaxas '80** has moved to the other side of the fence, sort of, in his new role as chief corporate communications and government affairs officer for E*Trade, the online personal financial services provider.

Metaxas, who most recently covered the NASDAQ for CNN and contributed to the network's flagship financial news program, *Moneyline*, is now responsible for communicating E*Trade's "revenue diversification strategy and its long-term vision to become a digital financial media company," according to a company announcement of the move in April. Metaxas says the change in jobs to corporate spokesman is not a completely radical switch.

"My focus over the last several years at CNN has been on informing and educating the public about their financial affairs," says Metaxas. "This is a terrific opportunity to continue on that path to reach consumers."

"John brings to E*Trade a wealth of knowledge and experience in journalism, business, legal and governmental affairs issues that will be integral in his ability to lead our interaction with the media, analyst community and key government officials," says company CEO Christos M. Cotsakos.

John Metaxas '80 *(right) visits with Columbia President George Rupp at the College's annual luncheon at the Columbia Club on May 4.*
PHOTO: MICHAEL DAMES

Metaxas has more than 17 years experience in the communications and journalism fields. Since joining CNN in 1994, he has anchored several financial news programs including *Your Money*, CNN's weekly look at personal finance. Prior to joining CNN, he was a correspondent for CNBC and anchored a nightly business segment for WFSB-TV, a CBS affiliate in Hartford, Conn.

Metaxas, who also graduated from the Journalism School in 1983 and the Law School in 1984, has been legal editor for *The National Law Journal* and a reporter and producer for ABC News, where he covered the 1988 presidential campaign and worked on *World News Tonight With Peter Jennings*. In 1994, he served as director of communications for a candidate in the primary race in New York's 19th Congressional District.

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James E. McGreevey won big time in New Jersey over a right-wing Harvard type. I hope we will have an interview with Jim for the next issue of *CCT*.

The 60th anniversary party for WKCR at the new Lerner Center was a blast, and fellow '78er **Tom Mariam** was there, of course. **Peter Low**, now a senior MTV executive, was signed up but we missed each other. I must say that the new, pristine, high-technology radio studios bore so little relation to the rag-tag environment that I remember from the old station in Ferris Booth that it is hard to think of the two as the same organization. Think comparisons such as: The Spirit of St. Louis and the Space Shuttle Columbia…

And, speaking of St. Louis, I had dinner with a group of Columbia folks after the WKCR event, including classmate **Larry Friedman,** who is in the law business at Thompson Coburn in that humid Gateway city. Larry is married to Phyllis and has two children, Hannah and Joshua. Architect and ex-New Havener **Timothy Burnett** was back in town in October for a sad event, a memorial service for a dear friend of ours for whom Tim flew back from L.A.

I prepared one of the eulogies and, if any of you have been in this situation, you know that preparing and delivery a remembrance is a good way to focus your sense of loss. To be losing best friends (and someone with whom I happened to work at my old job at the Greater New Haven Chamber for many years) at our age is not easy, but a new stoicism demands that we keep our own losses in the perspective of others who also have lost loved ones.

How many of our CC discussions hinged on the contrasting responsibly of the individual to himself and that owed to his "group." Perhaps we are living these issues more tangibly than before. Combining this with the 9/11 attacks and the added issues of the downturn in the IT and software business — my current vocational adventure — I can assure you that this has been a very introspective fall for me.

I hope you all had a happy and meaningful New Year and I look forward to sharing your news and thoughts with our classmates in the year ahead.

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I hope that all of you are well following the trying times of the past few months. I hope to hear from more of you in the coming months.

I recently bumped into **Leo Wolansky** and his son on their way to the opera. Leo lived on my floor (4 Hartley) freshman year. After Columbia Law, **Steve Kane** has been practicing law in Boston. Steve reports that he's been doing admission interviews since graduation and tries to attend Columbia events in the Boston area when they occur.

Your class correspondent has been busy. I recently started a travel agency, CraigL Travel. You can e-mail me at CraigLTravel@aol.com or call me at 1-800-Buy Travel. I also expect to be running promotions with the Metropolitan Area singles group Social Circles, which runs numerous activities each month.

Please let me hear from you and be well.

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I regret to inform the Class of 1981 that no news (good or bad) was received by this correspondent over the past few months, so I must resort to providing you with an update on the Fays. My eldest daughter turned 13, and we enrolled her in a new school (private — very strict). Needless to say, this did not improve our relationship. She is speaking to me occasionally, the content of which I cannot print due to the family nature of this audience. Our middle daughter is in the sixth grade, plays soccer like a boy (I know this sounds sexist, but she is very aggressive on the field!), and is doing very well in school when she concentrates on her studies. The youngest is hooked on Harry Potter (we have all the books, and she has seen the movie twice). J.K. Rowling has taught her to enjoy reading, for which I am forever thankful. My wife desires that I earn more money, so she can quit work and become more active in community affairs (I'm working overtime). As for me, I traveled to Saudi Arabia again for our annual meeting, which went very well. Despite what you hear and read, there is no hospitality greater than that extended in the Middle East. I did grow the beard to "fit in" and left my Yankees cap behind, but otherwise felt very safe and welcome.

Periodic Fay updates can be pretty boring. Please tell me what's going in on in your lives, or else this will continue. Finally, I wish the entire Class of 1981 belated holiday greetings.

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Our 20th Reunion is fast approaching, so save the following dates: Thursday evening, May 30, through Sunday morning, June 2. The tentative schedule includes a Broadway theater outing on Thursday night as well as faculty lectures and the Dean's dinner. There also will be a children's program. Please look for correspondence from the '82 Reunion Committee or College Alumni Affairs to remain up to

date as the schedule develops.

The reunion committee includes: **Joe Cabrera, Louis DeChiara, Lloyd Green, Nobuhisa Ishizuka, Frank Lopez-Balboa, Mark Moerdler, Thomas Nevitt, Mike Schmidtberger** and me. The committee will continue to meet regularly through May. Anyone interested in attending the meetings or joining the committee should e-mail cc82reunion@ columbia.edu.

In some sad news, cardiologist **Robert Rubino** was killed when his car veered off the Montauk Highway on Long Island and struck a telephone pole and some rocks. Bob was on his way to Good Samaritan Hospital from Southside Hospital. He is credited with helping to launch a critical care program to save heart attack victims on the brink of death by quickly opening blocked arteries to allow blood flow to the heart in an angioplasty procedure.

A 1988 graduate of New York Medical College in Valhalla, N.Y., Bob lived on Long Island with his wife, Debra Guzov, Barnard '83, and their 2-year old child, Justin. A friend, Peter Fumo '83, described Bob as having "the kind of personality that made you want to be his friend" and noted that he had a subtle charisma and a very dry sense of humor. He will be terribly missed.

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My wife, Debbie, and I attended Columbia's Homecoming and were delighted to see **Stephen Huntley-Robertson.** Stephen is the vice president of asset-based lending services at Bank of America. Many of you may remember that Stephen was a world-class athlete at Columbia and helped our crew team win countless competitions. He is now training to compete in a triathlon. He lives in Florida. We also were happy to bump into **David Kriegel.** David is a dermatologist, practicing in Manhattan, and an avid biker. He still keeps up with many of his Columbia classmates. Hopefully the class of '83 will be better represented at future homecomings!

Adam Bayroff is a partner in the real estate group at Swidler Berlin Shereff Friedman in Manhattan. He is still playing basketball and tennis regularly (I never could return Adam's topspin). Adam lives on Roslyn, Long Island, with his wife, Margo, and their children, Logan, Amelia and Aliza.

David Einhorn has been authoring the semi-annual supplements of the two-volume treatise *Patent Licensing Transactions* (published by Matthew Bender, a division of Lexis-Nexis). His father was the original author of the treatise. David also was reappointed this year as chairman of the American Bar Association committee on broadcasting, sound recordings and performing artists. As reported in the last column, David is practicing law at Anderson Kill & Olick, P.C., where he is chairman of the intellectual property law department.

Ben Geber e-mailed that he, too, always reads Class Notes first in *CCT*. Ben is the finance director for NYC's Medicaid program, analyzing the Medicaid budget and such issues as universal health coverage and increased prescription coverage. He will be celebrating his 10th wedding anniversary this year. He is a CPA and received his master's degree in public finance from SIPA.

I was elated to receive an e-mail from **Mark Licht.** Mark and I lived on the 14th floor of John Jay and were members of the marching band. Mark writes: "After Columbia, I attended medical school at the University of Rochester, trained in urology at the Cleveland Clinic and Mayo Clinic and settled in Florida. I am in private practice in Boca Raton, the anthrax and butterfly ballot capitol of America. I have been married to Marjorie (Forman) Licht '83E for 17 years. We have three children: Sam (5), Lena (4) and Sarah (1) (after touring the USA, we finally settled down and had a family). I keep in touch with **Myles Hansen,** who is an attorney in Washington, D.C., and is married with three kids, and **Matt Samarel,** who is a pediatrician in North Carolina with three kids. I also talk to **Scott Kirschenbaum,** who runs a small, successful company in NYC." Many of us fondly remember Marjorie. It is great to see a Columbia couple raising another generation of prospective Columbia first-years!

Michael Broder sent me a rich, informative e-mail. "I enjoyed your September column, although we traveled in different circles and I don't really know any of the people about whom you had news. Nevertheless, your column inspired me to drag out my yearbook and look for every one of those guys' pictures. I sorta recognized a few of them. My friends from the class of '83 were **Bill Kolbrener, Jordan Shapiro, Joe Zwicker** and my many floormates from 12 Jay, a floor distinguished by our habit of eating meals together in the John Jay dining hall. I had good friends in the Class of '82 (Gavin Smith) and '84 (Steve Cohen, Barry Zevin). Of course, there were many people I was not particularly close to

Retired Technician Endows Packer-Bayliss Scholarship

In a touching and generous gesture, retired technician **Jerome Packer,** who worked as a member of the Columbia staff for 44 years, has endowed a permanent scholarship at the College that will honor disabled alumnus **Geoffrey Bayliss '82,** who had worked with Packer in a Pupin laboratory while a student.

Packer began working for Columbia in 1956 in the Pegram Laboratory, which was next to Pupin Hall, and later became foreman of the lab's electronics shop. In the 1970s, professors Alan Sacks and Robert Novick recommended him for a position in the Pupin physics laboratory. As Pupin's senior electronic technician, Packer helped set up experiments in the lab, regularly supervised as many as five work-study students, and became friends with a generation of students and professors. "I feel like I was part of the machinery of the school, part of the family," says Packer, betraying his technical background.

Bayliss worked in the physics lab with Packer for four years. Packer used to call him "Sir Lancelot" because of the student's courtly demeanor and remembers how Bayliss helped another student establish the Hartley on Rye delicatessen in Hartley Hall. Bayliss, an architecture major who painted and sculpted, was planning on becoming an architect, not a physicist, but he took to working in the lab with Packer.

As his classmates may remember, Bayliss's plans to become an architect were cut short the day after his 1982 graduation, when the van in which he was riding collided with a tractor-trailer on the Massachusetts Turnpike. The collision took the lives of his girlfriend, Rebecca Hyde, and his classmate, **Edward Brown '82.** Bayliss, who barely survived, spent nine months in a coma followed by an extended stay in a New Hampshire rehabilitation center.

Through physical therapy, Bayliss eventually regained the ability to walk, but the collision left him cognitively disabled with permanent memory loss. In 1989, his family moved

Jerome Packer
PHOTO: ABIGAIL FRANKLIN

him to a house in Gloucester, Mass., where he receives 24-hour-a-day assistance. According to Catherine Bayliss, his sister and legal guardian, Bayliss now paints and does some sculpting — including a small figurine he sculpted for Packer to commemorate Packer's retirement from the physics lab in May 2000. He has also joined Local Colors, a Gloucester-area artists' cooperative. Catherine says her brother has kept a love for the College through all his trials.

When Packer decided to make a gift to Columbia, he immediately thought of Bayliss and "the hardship he had to go through" to make ends meet while a student. Others, he recognized, are in the same financial boat, and a scholarship seemed an ideal way to honor his friend while addressing this need. Students receiving awards from the Jerome Packer Endowed Scholarship Fund will be known as Packer-Bayliss Scholars.

"This gift betrays a generous heart," says Scott Taylor, gift planning coordinator in the University Development and Alumni Relations office. "It's an extension of the fond feelings for all the students he has come to know over his years at Columbia."

"This is wonderfully generous of Jerry," says Catherine Bayliss. "It's quite an honor."

Packer hopes his gift will encourage members of the Class of 1982 to follow his lead and make contributions to the Annual Fund. "Maybe more people will feel like I do," he says.

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whom I would nevertheless like to know the fate of.

"I'm sure we've all been through and done a lot in the past 20 years. I'm currently working as a group program director at the Health Science Center for Continuing Medical Education, located in New York City. I've been in medical communications for the past eight years, after previous stints as a graduate student (M.A. in classics from CUNY, 1989), teacher, nonprofit administrator, editor and freelance writer. I write poetry and coordinate a weekly reading series at the Ear Inn, a historic tavern on Spring Street (I'll certainly let you know if I ever have a book coming out). I live in the city with my partner, Jason Schneiderman, who recently received his M.F.A. in creative writing from NYU and is now teaching part time at Hofstra and freelancing as the art director at the National Arts Club. I feel that sharing personal info is, well, personal, so I hesitate to 'inform' on my old class of '83 buddies, but I will divulge that Bill, Jordy, and Joe have all done things to make us very proud (in the study of English literature, the study of African colonial history, and the practice of law, respectively). If I get permission, I'll be happy to tell more. I, too, hope that our column grows enviably long and abundant in class notes."

Wayne Root feels kind of left out way out on the "left coast." Wayne states: "I may be one of the only (or just THE ONLY) Columbia alumnus who has built a life in the gambling business and on Wall Street — all from Malibu, Calif. and Las Vegas! Thought my classmates might be interested in my unique career success. After Columbia, I decided to pursue my true love — a career in sports handicapping. My goal was to replace Jimmy 'The Greek' on national TV. Only a Columbia grad would figure out a way to turn a love of sports gambling into a national TV career and a Wall Street conglomerate! Yes, I have taken my company public. I am now chairman and CEO of America's only publicly traded sports handicapping firm, Global Sports & Entertainment (stock symbol: GWIN), based in Las Vegas. I also am the executive producer and star of *The Global Sports EDGE*, airing 8:30 a.m. EST on Saturday mornings on PAX TV. I also star on *Proline* at 9 a.m. EST on USA TV Network. My Web site, www.GSportsEDGE.com, is among the most popular sports sites on the Internet. I just returned from presenting my company at the Bear Stearns Gaming Conference in Las Vegas (even terrorist bombings can't slow me). It's been a great run since graduating from CC in '83 — exhilarating, exciting and stressful. I now split my time between my beachfront home in Malibu and my second home, The Mandalay Bay Resort in Las Vegas. I am married to Debra Parks Root (Pepperdine grad), with two beautiful children — Dakota (9) and Hudson (1)." Wayne, what are the odds the Columbia Lions will win the Ivy League hoops title this winter?

Several classmates sent e-mails to the alumni September 11 status page. **Richard Jorge** informs us that he is OK in Connecticut. He would like to hear from **John McGivney**, **Kurt Lundgren**, **Frank Antonelli** and **Robert Flock**. **David Propert** was "scheduled to go to the Pentagon, but had not yet left the office. Friends and close colleagues there were spared." **George Wilson** notes, "Holding down the fort here with the rest of us New Yorkers. Peace and faith for those who have lost loved ones because of this tragedy; Infinite Justice for those who perpetrated it." **Bruce Abramson** remarks, "Live and work within blocks of White House; a bit hairy on 9/11, but no real danger." Paul Burke '84 states, "I'm fine, so is my family. Lost a lot of friends and business contacts." Danny Schultz '84 adds, "OK in body but lost many friends on the day." **Daniel Ferreira** (Barbados, Wis.), **Andrew Gessner, Robert Kahn** (along with his wife, Linda, his son, Elliot and his daughter, Eva), **David Lyle** (Nashville), **Frank Messina, Mark Sharp, Greg Keller, Ed Koral** and **David Woo** thankfully report they are unharmed. Hopefully we can hear from these classmates soon under better circumstances.

P.J. Pesce is a writer and director making a living in Los Angeles. He writes, "I am about to marry for the first time, to the lovely Susan Morris. Susan works for the Sundance Film Festival. I recently finished directing the film *The Hangman's Daughter* for Miramax/Dimension, produced by Quentin Tarantino and Robert Rodriguez, and I'm in the process of writing a script for Jackie Chan and Lucy Liu that Lucy will produce. Please give my regards to Professor Selig if you have the chance, as well as **Brad Gluck** (a fellow resident of 12 John Jay soph year). Other alums I'm in touch with: **Simon Black** is married to Marita Spiess; they make their living writing for the movies. **Michael Calabrese** teaches Medievel English literature at Cal State, Northridge."

According to *Entertainment Weekly*, **Eddy Friedfeld** will be working with comedy legend and television pioneer Sid Caesar on a book about Caesar's life as an entertainer. In addition to being a lawyer and corporate executive, Eddy is a film critic and writes entertainment features for the *New York Post*. He also is working on a book on the history of Jews and comedy in America.

Finally, in keeping with Columbia's Core Curriculum, emphasizing the great books of Western Civilization, I have just signed a deal with Universal Studios Licensing for the rights to the fictional literary characters portrayed in the classic *Curious George* books. I will be using these characters on my complete line of baby accessories. For my less esoteric customers, I also have acquired the rights to use the Flintstones characters for my baby and pet companies.

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Tough times often bring out the best in people, so it's no accident that several classmates are doing their part to improve the lives of others. "0-21-34....," that famous Boston ZIP code that pervades our minds as a result of the theme song from "Zoom," can now be claimed by our class, thanks to esteemed classmate, intrepid political/social activist and WKCR standout **Jon Abbot**. As vice president and general manager for TV Stations at WGBH (the PBS affiliate in Boston), Jon is part of TV's finest and most important incubator for excellent, intelligent programming. Thanks to Jon and his staff, culture comes to our door, giving us and our children a safe venue in which to learn and be entertained.

"I was just back at Columbia for the 60th anniversary for WKCR and the dedication of the new studios," Jon says. "What an amazing new student center and great studios. They're a far cry from what the Band and 'KCR crews of our generation had available. Good to know that Columbia's made great improvements in the last 15 years." Jon lives in Newton, Mass., with his wife, Shari, and children Ellie (8) and Tatum (5).

Another television professional making his mark is our own **Newton "N.J." Burkett.** Newt reports regularly on *Channel 7 Eyewitness News* in New York, and often on *ABC National News* and *Live with Regis and Kelly*. Newt deserves special kudos for his amazing work in the field: investigative reports abroad prior to September 11; on the scene and very close to harm's way during the WTC devastation; updates on potential terrorist activity throughout NYC; and reporting from JFK literally minutes after the American Airlines tragedy. Throughout it all, Newt has great composure and stage presence... and a terrific family to boot. Newt lives on Long Island with his wife, Margy, and children Jay and Amanda.

Saul Hansell, once WKCR news director, continues to write about the Internet and electronic commerce for *The New York Times*. "All the times I worked as a backup obituary writer have come in handy as I write the final notices for the companies I have been covering, like WebVan," he writes. "I'll hang on until I know what happens to the last survivors, like Yahoo! and Amazon. Then I'll find another beat." He lives in Chelsea with his wife, Lynne Eisenbrand, and their 3-year-old daughter, Clare, of whom he notes, "She's already asking tougher metaphysical questions than my CC teacher."

Adam P. Dicker, M.D., Ph.D., Department of Radiation Oncology, Thomas Jefferson University, was promoted to associate professor of radiation oncology, where his research focuses on antiangiogenesis. He and his wife were recently blessed with the birth of Yehuda, who joins Michal (10) and Shimshon (5).

Wishing you all a Happy New Year!

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Alex Spiro writes: "In an effort to read about people I know in Class Notes (including myself), I offer the following: In July, **Dimitri Colevas** (high school and college classmate) visited with his wife, Patti, and children Electra (7) and Anatole (4), from their new home in Washington D.C. Both Colevii are doctors; the good Colevas (Patti) is a general practitioner, while Dimitri is working at NIH doing important stuff in connection with cutting edge experimental cancer drugs. We all attended Marin Gazzaniga's '86 reunion barbeque in Brooklyn. Marin is a freelance writer, actress and auteur; continues to be a very fine hostess; and is married to **Chris Smiley**. Dr. **Ronald Schwartz,** his wife, Rachel, and their son, Alexander (it is my claim that the boy is named after me), arrived and informed the uninformed that they were soon moving to Hattiesbrug Miss., where Ron's neurological talents and Rachel's parents were much needed and needing. (They have since moved.)

Also in attendance were **Bob LaPalme** (attorney for the city) and **John Keller** and wife, Cecilia

Barnett, '86 Barnard, who came down from their Connecticut home. John continues to work in advertising while Ceci is an artist. Arriving late in **Peter Strunsky**'s never-ending party-mobile (no, it's not still his mother's Monte Carlo) were Peter himself, comedian extraordinaire, his brother Moose a.k.a. Steve, and Andrew Andriuk '89, he of two children (Luke and Leo) and wife Nuners (none in attendance). Andy is building low-income housing in tiny Connecticut suburbs — low income being in the $1,000,000 range. While they arrived late, it should be noted that they also stayed very late, which, no doubt, pleased the gracious hostess.

From the other side of the aisle, Barnard '86 attendees included the glowing Velaire Renko (and her husband, Kris Woolsey), Marta Kuzma (the always gallant Mr. Strunsky having whispered to me, "Who's that hot blonde?"), who was on her way to Italy, and Sarah Pozefsky. I am reliably told that my old roommate, **Joe Chu,** has moved to San Francisco and, entirely coincidentally, Ann McCarthy '85 Barnard has moved there too. Also entirely coincidentally, the only other person who is my year at Columbia and my high school, **Brian Kirby**, is working at the same firm as I, Société Générale, albeit on the other side of the pond. He is married to a French lady, has children and lives in Paris.

The night after Marin's fete, largely the same group (ex-spouses, ex-Dimi and ex-Barnard ladies) reuned at Cannon's, much changed but still the same. We were joined by L.A. brother **Brooks Tomb,** who is gaffing (I swear this is a word and a profession), acting in an improv troupe, extolling the virtues of marriage and fatherhood (toddler daughter) and the good qualities of wayward alum **John Adelman,** with whom Brooks had just taken several long walks spoiled (that's golfer for golfing). John almost made it to New York. (without his wife and two children) but was detained by an unexpected regatta (sorry guys, there are no secrets). I am on the Upper West Side with wife Vanessa and son Henry (4). Still loving NYC despite the horrific World Trade Center events. My strongest hope is that NYC as we knew it can survive.

Tom Wheeler, M.D., writes: "Apparently it has been 20 years since we loped about the floors of John Jay as freshmen and visited the Ukranian Club with Andy. I still see **Glenn Alper** on occasion in San Francisco. My wife, Tamara, and I finished our residencies and fellowships at Vanderbilt University. We stayed on the faculty for five years and moved back to Indiana. I practice maternal-fetal medicine in Fort Wayne and chase my 3-year-old son, Evan, around."

Thank you, Alex and Tom, for your submissions. I encourage all members of the class of 1985 to drop me a line with information concerning their milestones, achievements, friends, thoughts and other newsy bits.

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I recently shifted gears and left investment banking for the private client side. I'm a financial adviser at Merrill Lynch, where I began my career 15 years ago. I'm loving the 15-minute walk to work through Central Park and highly recommend a "repotting" to everyone not inspired by what they do.

Thanks to the 30 classmates who posted notices on Columbia's Web site letting us know they were safe after the 9/11 attacks. Of note, **Bob Zifchak** worked in 4 WTC, saw both planes hit the towers, saw the towers fall, and was evacuated via the Staten Island Ferry. **Daw Warwick**, who lives in Houston, recalled seeing the WTC just a few days prior from an airplane while flying back from Germany.

Victor Bolden is doing well at Wiggin & Dana in New Haven, where he's a partner. He was previously with the American Civil Liberties Union and the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. His wife, Jennifer Baszile '91, is a professor in the history department at Yale. **Paul Bacanovic** works on the equity finance desk at Lehman, and was previously with Merrill Lynch and Deutsche Bank. He received an M.B.A. from NYU and a J.D. from Fordham.

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Thankfully, we have not heard of any members of our class who went missing in the September 11 tragedy. Many classmates went straight to the Internet to let us know they were OK, and the messages were circulated. If anyone would like to share stories with us, please e-mail me. My story is simply that on September 11, I was on my way to Heathrow Airport in London to board a flight to New York City when I got the word and then heard the announcement over the airport loudspeakers that United States airspace was closed until further notice.

There is nothing new to say about the tragedy, but I do want to include one quote from an address given by my father, Alvin Kass '57, at the Yankee Stadium memorial service for the families of the victims. He said, and I believe this wholeheartedly, "Surely these bereaved families must recognize that what their loved ones want most from the survivors is to live for what they died for — a society founded on justice and equity — that peace and security, happiness and prosperity, right and freedom will forever abide among us, a place where government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from this earth." Thank you, Dad!

In the last issue, we were not able to include **Lee Ilan**'s report on the pre-reunion picnic in Central Park over the summer: "**Janis Brody, Farah Chandu, Laurie Gershon, Judy Kim, Nancy Rabinowitz, Peter Ross** and **Rebecca Turner** were among the attendees, along with various family members, friends and other 87ers who were keeping a low profile.

"Amid the sharing of food, reminiscing and catching up on recent interests and projects, the big headline was Farah's daughter Amina losing her first tooth, which we celebrated by attempting to teach her to throw a football. (Thank you, Laurie, for the good-humored coaching!)

"My apologies to anyone who looked 'for the blue and white balloons' but couldn't find us because we lacked this landmark. They were there for the first 20 minutes, but we'll obviously have to get some folks who fulfilled their remoteness requirement with a balloon-tying course for our next gathering."

Bruce Furukawa is back in the Bay Area, where he was born. "I live in San Mateo with my wife, Lisa. We had a daughter, Miya Claire Furukawa, on June 15, and we are all doing fine. I am an attorney in San Francisco at Long & Levit, and I have managed to keep in contact with a number of alumni. After the horror in September, I made a few phone calls back east to see how everyone is doing. Fortunately, I have not had any bad news and all is well."

Bruce also reports: "I found out that **Doug Cifu** and his wife, Melissa Lautenberg, had a girl, Rachel Schwarz Cifu, on September 30. **John Sun** and his wife, Jane, live in San Mateo, two miles from my house, and have two kids, Cameron and Hana. **Reino Truumees** and his wife, Monica, recently had a boy they named Marcus. They already have a daughter, Heili.

"**Lydia Tzagaloff** lives in Colorado and is working for the government as an attorney. **Ed Ho** lives in New York City and works for Merrill Lynch. **Patty Katayama** is living in California and working for Stanford Press. **Irene Hamberger** is married and lives in Japan. She just had a girl."

Garth Wingfield is back in New York City after a stint in L.A. "These days, I'm a writer of various things. I recently wrote three episodes of the Showtime series *Queer as Folk* (a wild experience). And I've also been writing plays off and on for years. Actually, one of my plays (*Are We There Yet?*) was done to nice reviews in London last winter. It's been done as readings by various U.S. theaters, so hopefully someone here will soon want to produce it." Garth mentioned that he wrote in because, "It felt important to be more in touch than I have been with former classmates in light of the awful stuff that's been happening in NYC."

Jeff Elikan is married and living in Baltimore with his wife, Sarah, and two children, Max (3) and Eliana (1). He made partner at the law firm of Venable, Baetjer & Howard, where he practices intellectual property litigation. **Pete Jablonski** is trying to track down **Luciano Siracusano.** If anyone has any information, please e-mail me and I will forward the information.

And back on my side of the Atlantic, **Annemarie Coffman Lellouch** dropped a note from her home in Marseille, France, where she is a staff scientist in immunology at a French government research institute. She writes: "I really enjoy my work. I'm currently making films of t-lymphocytes in action, which is pretty amazing (won't be competing for any prizes at Cannes, but…)." She met her husband, Laurent, while doing graduate work at MIT. They have been married for nearly 10 years and have a 16-month-old boy, Benjamin ("In theory there will be more of these — we love it!" she said). They left MIT in 1992 and moved to Oxford. In a period of eight years they have lived in England and various places in France (Annecy, Grenoble and Marseille), with a few short working stints in Edinburgh, Geneva, and Copenhagen ("I spent two months working at the Carlsberg Breweries research center — free beer in all the labs.")

Annemarie adds: "But now, after all the hop scotching across Europe in the name of science (Laurent is a physicist), we have settled down in Marseille where we have staff positions in our respective areas of research. Marseille is a great place — lots of sun-

shine, wine, olives, beaches, crazy football teams and no tourists (yet). It has a lot of history and character, and thanks to its love-hate relationship with the rest of France, has never developed into a tourist destination. Of all strange coincidences, my Danish grandparents lived in Marseille in the '30s, where my grandfather worked as an engineer in a ceramics factory. They would have stayed had the French not expulsed all its foreign workers just before World War II. I am not French, and have a strictly Scandinavian family background, but I have discovered my Latin heart. I love the Mediterranean lifestyle (food, sun, taking it slow when you want to), my six weeks of paid vacation, subsidized childcare, and so forth. I read *The New York Times* on the Web each day, and follow CNN on TV at home."

Annemarie also says that she spent two days last July with **Esther Chung** in her home outside San Francisco when she was visiting Stanford medical school. Esther is a pediatrician and is on the faculty at UCSF. She also consults privately. She is married to Dennis Lee (Columbia Ph.D.) and has two young daughters, Marissa and Emma. Annemarie also saw **Carla Cerami** in New York around New Year's 1998, and they now exchange e-mails every six months or so. Carla has left medicine for the world of biotech, where she is a scientific director at Ceramicorp. She got married last fall in California to Jeremiah Hand, who happened, oddly enough, to be an Amherst classmate of Annemarie's husband. Annemarie adds that she would love to hear about more people. "Where have all the Super-Orgo nerds gone to?" she asks. "And," she says, "I am thinking seriously of dragging the family to New York for our 15th class reunion. I last visited the campus at Christmas of '98 (my brother-in-law was at Columbia B-school and we crashed in his dorm room). How it changed!"

As I said earlier, please write in and share your stories of how your life has been lately, particularly in light of world events. And if you have happy news about how life really can and does go on, by all means send that, too! We can never have too much joyful news!

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As these words reach you, we find ourselves living a world much different from the one lived in just a few months ago, a world eerily similar yet subtly trembling from the aftershocks of tectonic shift that has occurred right beneath our feet. Armed infantry men with M-16s stand as human window dressing in our airports, intimidating only those who would never dream of committing crime. Fear seeps into daily lives, finding cracks in the foundation of our most mundane tasks.

Yet still, we own New York. And with that in mind, I am pleased to relay to you that **Mike Bogacki** is in the 82nd Airborne Infantry. May he serve his country proudly. Former Light Blue gridders **John Miller, Dave (Slave) Putelo** and **Nick Leone** all ran marathons on the same day this year. Putelo, ever the load option, finished with the worst time.

Maria Roglieri wrote me, answering my plaintive plea — whatever happened to **Gloria Trillo**? Aside from the fact that she did not win a belly flop contest in Ft. Lauderdale over spring break freshman year like **Matt Sodl** did, she is doing just fine, practicing dentistry on the Island. She says that **Jade Tzeng** is married and living in Portland, Ore. Maria is an associate professor of Italian at St. Thomas College and just published a book on Dante. She and husband Dan have three kids… and many cantos. Her plea to me: What is **Kathy Wenner** doing?

Jon Bassett was appointed chair of the history department at Newton North HS in Massachusetts. He has two children, Benjamin and Sarah. He's creating a history all his own. He tells me that **Jon Rosand** is a neurologist at Mass General, married with two boys. He continues that **Jon Weiss** and wife Abigail live in Philly. Jon is an architect, and he and Abigail have a boy and girl, Ned and Amalya. **Steve Sagner**, with his wife **Jen Tower**, and his daughter Denali, took time off from LISC, a national housing NPO, to visit. **Melanie Marin** is in the NYC, in private practice and raising daughter Adara, while **Giuliana Dunham** lives in D.C. and prosecutes fraud for the Justice Department. And it sounds like Jon Bassett needs a break from keeping up with so many alums. Thanks, Jon.

Willie Williams sends his regards from Miami where he is a lawyer. Returning from a visit to the Vineyard, where he met up with **Pam Perry**, an ER doc in Atlanta and voracious traveler, he tells me that **Carlos Cruz** is working for Banana Republic in San Francisco, a position that has allowed him to travel no less voraciously than Pam does.

Claudia Rimerman (née Kraut) gave me the joyous news that she has left gainful employment after 10 years in the managed care industry. Every Friday she and her two sons spend time with **Laurence Holzman** and his two boys in NYC. Having forsaken the law, like any sane individual, Laurence is a full-time lyricist now. Not to be outdone on the sanity scale, **Rebecca Wright** is a world-renowned Ph.D. in computer science and has a 2-year-old son.

The aforementioned **Dave (Slave) Putelo**, ex-roommate and quarterback of the football team, did actually finish that marathon — that was not a misprint. He and his wife, Sue, are living in the most ironic of contradictions… a suburb of Syracuse. He has two daughters, which just goes to show you that there is justice in the world. He still works for Merck and is still blissfully domesticated.

Durc Savini, ol' #33, Baby Finster, the dinosaur himself, model of rectitude that he is, now has two bambinos… Isabella was joined by Nico. I expect his wife, Janeen, regrets having joined that dating service way back when. **Ed Cespedes** is living in Pacific Palisades, Calif., and his wife, Kara, just had their first child — Caroline Grace. **Doug Wolf** excitedly announced the birth of his third child, Jason Andrew. Of course, **Rob Daniel** and his wife have five kids, so you better stay busy, Doug. No throwing in the towel.

Frannie Giordano, '88 Barnard, sent me a wonderful letter (of course I remember you, Frannie). I'm sure I cheated off you in a class somewhere along the way without you knowing it. As my Barnard counterpart, she took the liberty of filling me in about that little Greek boy, baseball captain **John Stamatis**. Well, the little Greek boy is doing just fine, living in Connecticut and working for Pepsi where he manages their NASCAR account. Everybody turning left, John, with everybody seeming to turn right lately. We probably should all take a moment to reflect on the turmoil of the past year, the past month and even past day, depending on where you live. Let's all be grateful for what we still have. For what we still can have. And for what we always will have. And as you can see, from the sounds of it all, one thing is certain: We still damn own New York.

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It was good to catch up with **Josh Krevitt**. He and his wife, Marcy, were living in the Bay Area for nearly three years until just recently. Although they enjoyed the area very much, Josh noted that ultimately the pull of family, among other things, proved too much for them to resist, and they moved back to New York in July, where Josh is a partner at Weil, Gotshal & Manges, doing intellectual property and media litigation. The couple just bought a house in Scarsdale, where they live with their two kids, Jack ($3\frac{1}{2}$) and Jessica (15 months).

Not one to disappoint, **Desi del Valle** continues to enjoy her dual career in film/video distribution and acting in the Bay Area. She directs the distribution program for FRAMELINE, a nonprofit media arts organization specializing in lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender media. Besides a 40-hour per week day job, she manages to maintain a "modest but fulfilling" acting career, racking up a number of independent film credits, and more recently, a few stage credits, with a few Columbia alumni in attendance. For the sake of shout-outs, Desi has been in touch with **Isaac Castañedas, Alexander Peña, Kate Movius** (see past columns), Rebecca Moss '90 and **Dan Futterman**. I'd like to thank Desi for reconnecting me with Isaac. He and his wife are living in the Dominican Republic. We will provide a fuller update on Isaac in an upcoming issue.

One aspect of this "job" that still continues to amaze me is that story of a classmate who seems larger than life. Every other column or so, we run across that classmate, and this time the story belongs to **Margarita Suarez**. Post-graduation with a B.A. in computer science, Margarita began working full-time for the academic computing department, after working part-time for three years as a computer lab consultant. During her 11-year tenure, she designed and maintained the e-mail and Web systems for the University — 50,000 students, faculty and staff. While working, she earned her M.S. in computer science from SEAS in 1994, and then got her second B.A., this time in women's and gender studies, in 2000.

Aside from tuition exemption, Marg notes, the best perk of working at Columbia was the "copious" vacation time and flexible schedule. She was able to do a lot of traveling back and forth to Manila and the mountain province of the Philippines. Other travels included trips to northern and central Vietnam, a visit to the temple of Angkor in Cambodia and trekking in Thailand near the Burmese border. In 1996, she won a trip to Prague by entering a contest open to people who could prove they had been in college for more than eight years! She saw a lot of north-central Europe on that trip, including Berlin,

Copenhagen, Amsterdam, Munich and London.

A trip in 1997 would prove to spark a future philanthropic interest. She traveled to Central America, saw parts of Guatemala and Honduras and ended up visiting a friend, a British development worker, in the small northern town of Condega, Nicaragua. There, she volunteered for several days on a building project of the local women's construction collective. A year after her first trip to Nicaragua, Hurricane Mitch, which tore through Central America, brought her back. While the friends she made survived, they were without clean drinking water, electricity and telephone for 12 days. She rejoined the collective to assist in rebuilding the homes of 30 women affected by the hurricane. These experiences encouraged her to start the Condega Homemakers Project (www.homemakers.org), which raises money and recruits volunteers.

In June 2000, Marg left her job at Columbia to devote more time to her volunteer efforts. She took a job at Nontraditional Employment for Women, where she worked on support issues for local tradeswomen, attended a national tradeswomen's conference and helped with a new coalition of tradeswomen's advocates and organizations. Future objectives will be to continue reaching out to building trades employers and labor unions, increase support for tradeswomen and investigate ways to help more women get into high-tech occupations.

Other activities have included contract work teaching computer hardware at Rosie's Girls, a girls' trade exploration camp in Essex, Vt. Additionally, Marg's work with local tradeswomen has led to her planning guest lectures by FDNY and NYPD women as well as organizing a tradewomen's building brigade for the survivors of September 11 who may need skilled volunteer tradespeople to make modifications to their homes. On a final note, in her free time (!), Marg does freelance layout for the publication *First of the Month: A Newspaper for the Radical Imagination*, maintains a number of Web pages and e-mail systems, plays softball with the Prospect Park Women's Softball League in the summer and spends time with her alternative/chosen family in the West Village, ages 34, 38 and 90.

In April, **Jay Timmer** married Louise Howe, an Englishwoman he met while doing his Ph.D. at Berkeley. The wedding took place just outside London, and the couple honeymooned in Tuscany. Jay is doing research at Sloan-Kettering on the development of the nervous system. Louise works across the street at Cornell Medical School doing cancer research. Given their "wonderful academic salaries," as Jay notes, they live in Astoria, Queens. Jay is in touch with **Steve Mack** and **Jordan Foster,** an M.D. living in Brooklyn with his wife, also an M.D., and their two children.

MINI-REUNION: *The wedding of* Wah Chen '92 *to Ed Renwick in Palo Alto Hills, Calif., on July 7 occasioned a reunion of Columbians. Pictured at the reception are* Matt Assiff '89, *Wanda Cole-Frieman, Barnard '93,* Meredith Norton '92, *Yoshi Maruyama '92E,* Wah Chen '92, Tomoko Yamamoto '92, Dalia Cohen '92, Karl Cole-Frieman '92, Frank Au '92 *and* Eric Garcetti '92. *Other Columbians who attended the wedding but missed the photo op included* Stefan Reyniak '91, Ingrid Stabb Dev '91 *and* Ben Besley '93. *Invited but unable to attend were Karen Waite Armondo, Barnard '92, and* Lisa Landau '89.

Steve Mack was surprised at seeing his name in boldface in our September column. Apparently, his "outing" by the notorious **Jason Carter** contained a few inaccuracies, so Steve set the record straight. Steve's been living happily in the Bay Area since 1989. It is easy for a New Yorker to feel at home, he says, because there are more Yankees fans than A's and Giants fans put together. In 1996, he earned a Ph.D. in molecular and cell biology from Berkeley — like Jay — and since then he's been working jointly at the Children's Hospital Oakland Research Institute and Roche Molecular Systems studying the population genetics and evolution of the human leukocyte antigen (HLA) gene system. "This, while it might seem a bit dry," says Steve, has afforded him the opportunity to travel — like Margarita — all over the world and mangle the languages of several countries, including Mexico, Japan, Spain, France (where they insisted he speak English), England and Canada. Steve claims that while it doesn't seem likely, it is possible to mangle Canadian English. He's been teaching a biochemistry and molecular biology class at the UC Berkeley Extension since 1997, and for the past two years he's administered the anthropology/human genetic diversity component of the International Histocompatibility Working Group, an ongoing international collaboration that studies immunogenetics of HLA and the various relationships between transplant technology, HLA and disease.

On other fronts, during the last 12 years, Steve has run two marathons; served as the chair of the board of directors of Californians for Justice, a statewide grassroots organization fighting for the rights of California's low income families, communities of color, and gay and lesbian communities; and has become involved in local political campaigns to defeat various conservative initiatives including the passage of the anti-affirmative action proposition and anti-immigrant, anti-union and English-only legislation. Some of the propositions passed and some didn't, but Steve and his compatriots were able to put together a statewide organization that represents the marginalized communities of California — "not an easy feat," Steve notes. On the romantic front, Steve is engaged to the "lovely and talented" Mary Fisher, who is not a Columbia graduate. Steve notes that no one is perfect!

On the "last-but-not-least" front, **Stephanie (Falcone) Bernik,** a breast surgeon, was featured on Lifetime's television program, *Women Docs*. Episode 10, which originally aired on October 20, 2001, featured five doctors from Saint Vincent's Catholic Medical Centers. You can easily locate an "Up Close and Personal" biography on Stephanie along with a video clip of the episode by going to www.lifetimetv.com and clicking on "Women Docs," where you'll see her compassion in action.

Until next time…

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In my previous Class Notes, you undoubtedly noticed the lack of mention of September 11. The reason for this is that I submitted my column on September 10. Although I was given the chance to update it later that week, I felt that the time was not right. Now, however, two months have passed since that sad day, and I have learned so far that we are lucky not to have lost any classmates. While some of us surely lost people we knew, I am sure that we all mourn for all of the victims and their families. I was comforted by the e-mails that I received from classmates in the weeks that followed, with uplifting news they wanted to share with our class.

Sherri (Pancer) Wolf and her husband, Doug '88, are excited to announce the birth of their third child, Jason Andrew Wolf, in March 2001. That makes him Class of 2023, where he will follow his older sisters Stephanie (5) and Ally (2). They are throwing in the towel against Rob Daniel '88, whose wife recently brought in beautiful Jenna — number five. **Caroline (Parsons) Moore** writes: "After graduating and doing the obligatory Eurail pass year, I got my master's in public health at Columbia and since then have been working, with a couple of breaks, for the Community Research Group. This is a Columbia-based group of scholars and doctors researching inner-city public health issues. Ironically, I do this work from a small, bucolic village in Vermont, where I live with my artist husband, Michael, and our two sons, Thomas (3) and Will (1)."

Paul Shaneyfelt says all is well in Ohio. He has a law practice with offices in Dayton and Cincinnati and primarily does commercial litigation. He and his wife, Jill, have two sons, Henry (3) and Sam (1). Who knew, but **Greg Palega** lives practically down the street from me in Wilmington, N.C. After finishing his residency in Internal Medicine at Duke, he moved to Wilmington and entered private practice. He is happily married to Mary Lynn (Trifaro) Palega '89 and has two beautiful daughters. He says life is great down there; he spends most of his free time at the beach and recently learned how to surf. Watch out for those sharks, Greg!

Attorney **Katerina Antos Hulme** was married in NYC on May 27, 2001, at the Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity to Daniel S. Hulme, who also is a lawyer. Kathryn Schneider '88 not only attended their wedding, but played the organ at the ceremony. The Hulmes live on Manhattan's Upper East Side. My buddy **Mike Cashton**'s big news is that he finally decided to get out of law firm life and do something fun and interesting. (No offense to the rest of the attorneys out there, but is Mike the first among our class to do this?) He now works as a member of the in-house counsel team at Hasbro (yes, the toy company) in Rhode Island. His son, Tyler, turned 1 in October. I bet Tyler got some goooooood presents. In conclusion, in the Kitchen Saga Update, **Isaac-Daniel Astrachan** had to do only minimal revisions for **Judy Shampanier**'s kitchen. At press time, the hunt for the winning contractor's bid was on.

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It's not easy for your faithful correspondent when a jet falls from the sky just 35 blocks from his home office in the Rockaways. Without getting treacly, I'll just say that I hope we all have a better year in 2002 and that everyone had a good holiday.

Through the hard work of **Stephen Weinstein** and others, a good chunk of our class was accounted for post-September 11. If anyone has stories or knows anything about classmates relating to the World Trade Center attack, pass them on to me or the alumni office. The notes are short this installment because of the quick turnaround between issues. Luckily, there are a few, not-too-moldy leftovers from last time. They include:

Joe Kim E'91and his wife, Carmen, had another boy, Alexander, in September. Joe started his own consulting company and is based in Chicago. **Javier Loya** bought out his partners at Choice! Energy and is now the president of the company. He and his wife, Lucinda, are building a new home in Houston. **Laurel Daniels Abbruzzese** and **Greg Abbruzzese** weren't able to attend the 10th reunion because Laurel had just given birth to their second daughter, Emily. Big sister Lydia couldn't be happier. **Sonya Cho Hong** took a break from practicing law and spent the last year studying baking and pastry making. She has now opened up her own bakery, where she makes beautiful cakes. Check out her Web site: www.butterflycakes.com. Sonya and her husband, David Hong '92, live in San Francisco. **Vijay Sud** received an M.B.A. from Cincinnati last June and graduated Beta Gamma Sigma. He is now working for Deloitte Consulting in Cincinnati, where he lives with his wife, Irene.

There was a great article in the September 27 *Spectator* about **Chris Kotes,** who was a dominating pitcher for the Columbia Lions and signed by the Toronto Blue Jays organization. (I even have a minor-league Kotes card.) After years of kicking around on the double-A level, Chris was finally let go by the Blue Jays (those hosers). Chris maintained his relations with Columbia's athletics department and worked for them in the off-season. Now he's working full-time there as the ticket and promotions director. His dream event (which sounds like a great way to pack the stands) would be to make the last football game of the season "Tuition Night." If a student brings a parent to the game, he or she could win a year's tuition in a raffle. Sounds like a surefire way to fill the stands for archery and fencing as well, Chris.

That's all, folks. Please keep in touch and send me some news. Peace out.

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Hi, gang. I have a confession. For the first time since I've been doing this column (scarily, now nearly a decade?!?), I have almost no news to report. For a number of understandable reasons, other than the two e-mails described below, there simply were no letters, rumors, whispers or anything. What I wouldn't give to have our old pal J. Schmoe around to pass along his gossip column from *Spectator*. Then again, I wouldn't want to make stuff up.

Especially in light of this fall's chaotic and devastating events, what better time to try to reconnect with your classmates and renew acquaintances? Our reunion is merely months away, and I'll have at least one more chance to collect information for a column before then. If there's anything you want people to know before they see you at our 10th year extravaganza, here's your chance. And to think, I don't even charge for this service…

Anyway, the news: After returning to politics for a few months to work on the Mark Green mayoral campaign in NYC, **Peter Hatch** is now in the employment litigation group at Schulte Roth & Zabel. He attended the 40th anniversary celebration for the rugby team last spring and once again joined forces with former teammates **Rob Perle,** Mark Eames '90, and Lt. Christopher "Maddog" Sheridan '90, as well as former coach Brian "Psycho" Murphy '85. He reported, "Great fun; no broken bones."

On September 30, **Scott Matasar** and his wife, Sheryl, became the proud parents of Lauren Sydney Matasar. Congratulations!

Sorry there's not more to report this time. But in all seriousness — it's been an honor and a pleasure to be your humble correspondent for this long. I look forward to continued service, sharing whatever you'd like your fellow classmates to know. That's the fun part, after all. Cheers!

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On September 10, **Andrew Ceresney** and Rachel Levine welcomed a son, Ethan Levine Ceresney. News of his birth came at a time when most of us were looking for something to feel hopeful about. That fact was not lost on Rachel and Andrew, who are counting their blessings in Brooklyn, Andrew's hometown. For the past three years, Andrew has been working as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of New York. Rachel works at the Department of Homeless Services for the Assistant Commissioner for Budget.

Matt Henry and his wife, Andrea, were married in June 2000. Andrea is a former track athlete who now works as a physical therapist. Matt is the director of youth services for the Mexican American Community Services Agency, directing more than 15 youth programs throughout the San Jose, Calif., area and getting back into touch with his Latino roots. Matt reports that **Steve Eitelgeorge** plans to move to England to get a master's degree in (what was described to me as) Shakespeare, Stratford-upon-Avon and the cultural history of Renaissance England.

And now for something totally different: Check out **Melissa de la Cruz**'s well-received first novel, *Cat's Meow* (Scribner, 2001), a comic tale about a Manhattan fashionista. **Andrea Boykowycz** moved back to New York after a year in Budapest, where she finished a master's degree in European history at Central European University. She is studying historical sociology at the New School and loving life in Fort Greene, Brooklyn.

Andrea reported that **Miranda Robbins** left her job at the *New York Review of Books* to move to Berlin this past summer. **Lars Nesheim** got married shortly after defending his Ph.D. dissertation in economics at the University of Chicago. Lars was planning a move from San Francisco to work on a post-doctorate at University College London.

John Balestriere celebrated his wedding to Vittoria Fariello in grand style in Luino, Italy. The couple was married at Vittoria's parents' villa on Lago Maggiore, north of Milan near the Swiss border. John and Vittoria plan to continue living in New York City, where John, who graduated from Yale Law in 1998, worked as an assistant district attorney at the Manhattan D.A.'s office. He has since moved to the State Attorney General's Auto Insurance Fraud Unit, investigating organized crime involvement in insurance fraud throughout New York State. Vittoria started her third year at Cardozo Law School and plans to work in international public law after graduation.

Classmates who attended the wedding included **Grace Hyun,** who is living on the Upper West Side with her husband, who works at Merrill Lynch. Grace graduated from Cornell Medical College in 1997 and is now a fifth-year urology resident at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center. She will start a pediatric urology fellowship at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia in July 2002. **Rachel Mintz** graduated with an Ed.M. in art education from Teachers College in 2000. Rachel, who focused in bilingual education, directs Vets Kids Child Care Center in Manhattan and does private consultation on creating child care centers and integrating the arts into the curriculum. Another guest, Eric Redhead '94, who also graduated SEAS in 1994, was working at Blackrock Financial Management and is now working on improving his pool game. **Pavani Kalluri** graduated from Mt. Sinai Medical School in 1998 and did her internal medicine residency at Washington University Medical Center. She is working in Atlanta at the CDC's Epidemic Intelligence Service until 2003. Also at the wedding were Melissa Lawton '94, Andrew Gibbons '94 (who played the organ for the mass), his wife,

Manu Saluja '93 Barnard, Raveen Saluja '89 Barnard, Sharmila Shetty '91 Barnard and Deepak Saluja, '01P&S.

Two weeks after the nuptials in Italy, John and Vittoria celebrated some more in New York with a mass at Visitation Church in Red Hook, Brooklyn, where John's parents were married in 1966 and where his maternal grandparents were married in 1942. John's cousin, William Moore, celebrated the mass. Other Columbians who attended the reception in Manhattan were Jeff Slocum '93E, **Sangeeth Gnanasekaran** '00P&S and her husband, Chris William '94P&S, '03GSAS. Sangeeth is a second-year pediatric resident at Columbia at the Children's Hospital of New York.

In another destination wedding to end all weddings, **Shira Boss**, the talented writer whose work you've seen in these pages, was married on June 22 to Murat Bicak in a four-day celebration in Istanbul. That's where the couple met three years ago. The wedding festivities included a belly dancing class, drum lesson, water pipe smoking, a trip to a Turkish bath and a barbecue and badminton tournament at the in-laws' house on one of the Princes' Islands. The ceremony overlooked the Bosporus and Asian side of the city and was officiated by the couple's friend, Chad Finley '94, who was ordained for the occasion. Roya Babanoury '92 delivered a tear-jerking honorary sermon.

Privately, Shira and Murat will share the name Boss-Bicak, after Shira convinced her husband that it is a perfectly acceptable practice to do so in America. Professionally, however, neither side is budging. Shira welcomes any creative solutions to the name conundrum at shiraboss@yahoo.com.

Chris Wiggins returned to NYC armed with a doctorate in theoretical physics from Princeton and a research job in Paris on his resume. He taught math at NYU for three years before landing his dream job as a Columbia professor. Chris planned to spend the summer visiting Berlin but was expected back in Morningside Heights in the fall, ready to take up faculty housing and the fine art of torturing undergraduates. Chris hoped to continue performing with Andrew Vladeck '92 and Rob Perle '92. Perhaps you'll catch a gig back in the hood.

Kari Zirkle, a fellow early denizen of the Schapiro floors of note, married her longtime boyfriend Ryan in March 2000 and is living in Los Angeles. Kari was working for the president of Universal Studios for the past six years before leaving that job in February to take time off to travel. She visited **Leyre Goitia** in Spain in June. Not having been in New York City since graduation, Kari planned to return for a visit in December.

After the September 11 attacks, I returned to the city for a brief visit and found it — not surprisingly — to be a much changed place, yet somehow more appealing than ever. If you go back, you'll see what I mean. Thanks for your notes, and keep writing.

Heidi Pomfret '92: Disc Jock

Ultimate Frisbee has come a long way as a competitive sport in the past decade, and so has Heidi Pomfret '92.

Pomfret was one of five women selected to the United States team that earned a silver medal at the World Games in Akita, Japan, in August — the first time Frisbee players were invited to a multi-sport, international competition.

Pomfret and her teammates lost to Canada in the finals of the seven-nation competition. Members of the International Olympic Committee attended the games to assess whether to include the sport in future Olympics.

Ultimate Frisbee is a growing sport that is now played by an estimated 150,000 people in 42 countries. Pomfret is a former soccer player whose interest in the sport was sparked during her first year at Columbia, when she saw a flier recruiting for the club team. She ended up devoting most of her non-academic time to Ultimate Frisbee, traveling out of town to competitions on many weekends.

When Pomfret moved to Colorado after graduation, she joined a club in Boulder that has won its regional tournament for the past four years. In addition to playing with the club, she coaches the University of Colorado women's team while attending her second year of pre-med studies. She decided to go to medical school after working for several years as a victim's advocate at an anti-violent crime organization and at the district attorney's office.

Heidi Pomfret '92 *trains for the World Games.*
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Ultimate Frisbee is played by seven-member teams on a football-sized field. Frisbees are passed among teammates, who score a goal by catching the Frisbee in the end zone. It's a combination of soccer and basketball and requires similar skills as those sports and lacrosse. "It's non-contact in the same way that basketball is non-contact," Pomfret says. "It's physical, but you don't tackle." Like tennis, the games are not timed but end when one team reaches 15 points and beats the other team by at least two points.

Unique to the game is that there are no referees. The game is self-officiated by the players, according to a code of conduct called the Spirit of the Game. "That's a big draw for me — seeing people play and play with strength of character," Pomfret says. If a player has been fouled, he or she calls the foul. The offender either agrees and there is a penalty, or he or she can contest, in which case the game backs up to the previous throw.

"It works amazingly well, especially in the women's game," Pomfret says. "In the men's game, it has had some problems. Men are a little harsher with each other, and for a few years there was less value put on sportsmanship. That has been changing back to the Spirit of the Game."

Recently, the game has added optional observers who will call whether a player is in or out of bounds.

Ultimate Frisbee players don't play with Frisbees. Frisbee is a registered trademark of the Wham-o Company, and that's not who the Ultimate players buy from anymore. They now buy from a company called Discraft, and what they play with are called flying discs. Regulation discs look like regular Frisbees but are slightly heavier.

To put together the U.S. team for the World Games, the Ultimate Players Association, the sport's governing body in the United States, solicited nominations from clubs around the country. The nominees were required to submit lengthy applications that included essay questions about strategy and how the players have helped their team and the sport. "It was like a college application," Pomfret says. "It was astonishing and awesome to be chosen." After considerable fund raising and three training camps during long weekends around the country, the U.S. team traveled to Japan for the opening ceremonies and competition.

"It was amazing," Pomfret says. "It was like being — it *was* being — a world-class athlete."

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Team USA with World Games Mascots in Akita, Japan. Pomfret is between the mascots.

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By now, many of you have probably looked through or even con-

Alumni Tell How To Be Debt-Free by 30

Debt, and mounds of it. For many, it's the unadvertised byproduct of a college degree. Combine education loans with daily credit card offers going even to the unemployed and a keep-up culture of dot-com riches and you've got a whole stratum of graduates deep in the red.

Two Columbia grads with just this problem set out to tackle it and published their lessons for debt-burdened brethren in a book, *Debt-Free by 30: Practical Advice for the Young, Broke & Upwardly Mobile* (Plume, $12 paper).

"We were financial basketcases," says Jason Anthony GS '94, who co-wrote the book with Karl Cluck '94. "Most people in their 20s just have no clue about money. We didn't. For me it was getting one raise after another and sinking deeper into debt."

Not five years after graduation, the two friends had accumulated combined credit card debt of $27,000. Anthony had to turn down an enticing job opportunity because he wouldn't be able to make minimum payments on his credit cards after a 15 percent pay cut, and Cluck had indefinitely postponed graduate school for much the same reason. After they confessed this to each other over brunch one Sunday, they decided to get together and defeat Visa, MasterCard and AmEx once and for all.

"It's not like we were calling each other four times a week saying, 'What did you save money on today?'" Anthony says of their partnership. "It was like, 'Let's figure this out, write it down, and compare notes.'"

It took them two years to make their final credit card payments, and by that time they had amassed a do-it-yourself guide to conquering finances in your

Karl Cluck '94

20s. When skeptical editors asked what their expert credentials were to write such a book, Anthony and Cluck told them, "We are experts at being in debt and getting out of debt, and it shouldn't take an expert to get your personal finances in order." Especially, they say, when a financial plan in one's 20s is more about balancing earning and spending and not yet about mortgage rates, estate planning or alternative investing.

Young debtors can trace their money problems back to campus, Anthony and Cluck argue, and it's not just the cost of an education that drags students down. "The first thing you get at orientation is a credit card application," Cluck says. "It's accepted that you should go out and buy things you can't afford with the idea that once you get your fancy four-year degree you'll make so much it won't matter."

"It's 20-something Reaganomics," Anthony adds.

After college and graduate school, loan payments can add up to $1,000 per month or more — the equivalent of a mortgage payment, Cluck points out. "That's fine if you want to be a doctor or a lawyer, but not anything other than that," he says. "People so often think of debt as a number, but what it really does is limit your opportunities — to choose a career you love, or go to graduate school, or save for a home — because you're in service to Visa or MasterCard or Sallie Mae."

The temptations to build up debt have grown over the last generation, the authors say. Not only has access to credit become much easier, but expenses have grown and so have tastes. "You need to pay for your Internet provider and cell phone, and people are more label-conscious," Anthony says. "Twenty years ago, nobody in their 20s knew who Armani was. Now there's *House of Style* on MTV and everyone sees these shows and wants these clothes."

When Anthony and Cluck were getting started on their battle against debt, they say they couldn't find a money book that spoke to them in realistic terms, so they decided to write their own. "We wanted to make a practical guide that people would use," said Anthony. "We don't give any advice that we haven't followed ourselves." They dismiss advice like freezing your credit card in a block of ice so you're prevented from making impulse purchases as irrelevant. "I don't know anyone who's going to do that," Cluck says.

The two examined their own financial records and dug up wasteful spending, like the $19 in fees on Anthony's monthly bank statement or the $1,000 per year Cluck was blowing on taxis. They interviewed many friends — some of them fellow Columbia grads — to illustrate other young people's financial habits, mistakes and turnarounds. One discovery that interested them was the noncorrelation between how much money people make and how in control of their money they are. "We found a publicist making $36,000 with perfect finances, but a 25-year-old investment banker making $100,000 who can't pay her credit card bills," Cluck says.

As with most personal finance articles or books, one main lesson is to cut the spending fat: the $4 Starbucks Frappuccinos, for example. Cluck and Anthony use charts and exercises to try to get readers to align spending with values. They tell readers to make a list of things that make them happy, for example, and to concentrate spending on those things rather than on other budget zappers. A few low-cost recipes are included, including one for a knock-off Frappuccino (35 cents per glass, they boast). They cover comparison shopping using the Internet and target bank fees, insurance rates, credit card interest and taxes as money suckers to be tamed.

"When you're in your 20s, most of what you're spending your money on is crap. You're not spending it on a mortgage, you're spending it on CDs and eating out four times a week," Anthony says. "That's bad because you're wasting your money, but it's good because it's easy to adjust and to do without those things."

They both say that axing their debt has lowered their anxiety and opened up opportunities. Anthony, who works for film producers, was able to quit a job he wasn't happy with. And Cluck says that with the economy having turned bumpy and layoffs striking even at Razorfish, the advertising agency he works for, "I'm Zen about it, because I have no debt and I've saved."

Anthony says a recession "could actually be good for this generation. We could get our values in check once we realize that a lot of this boom was dumb luck and funny money."

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tributed information to Columbia College's September 11 status Web site (www.college.columbia.edu/wtc). It's certainly heartening to see that so many of our classmates were unharmed. Still, the list is far from complete, so please take a moment to fill me in on what you're up to. Until then, here are some quick notes from our classmates.

I received a flier announcing the November 16, 2001, "Concert of Excellence" at Lincoln Center. The event, which honored Asian American contributions to excellence in the arts, was conceived by **Welly Yang** and directed by Brian R. Yorkey '93. **Mason Kirby** dropped me a note just before his October wedding to Amanda Kahn '95. The couple, who met in a Butler Library reading room, have been living in San Francisco for the past several years. Mason is practicing architecture after receiving a master's degree from Yale's School of Architecture in 1998, and Amanda is a Ph.D. student in neuroscience at UCSF.

Ali Lemer has finished her master's in humanities at the University of Chicago and is teaching writing at Columbia College Chicago, a fine/visual/multimedia arts school. She has published several poems in *Aubade*, a literary magazine at the university; she continues to work on her writing and music and plans to spend another year in Chicago.

And finally, I have several extremely old items that have been cut from past columns due to space constraints, but I still wanted to mention them. **Sanjiv Jhaveri** had a small role on *Law & Order* during last May's sweeps; though his screen time as a bailiff in the arraignment court was brief, it was very nice to hear that familiar voice. Also making a TV appearance last spring was **Brad Deal**, who was a contestant on the game show *Weakest Link* in an episode that aired April 30. In his real life, Brad is doing his psychiatry residency at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami. He graduated from the Medical University of South Carolina in 1998 and was elected National President of the American Medical Student Association. He served a one-year, full-

time term in Washington, D.C.; after that he worked on healthcare accounts as a medical consultant with Porter Novelli in Washington before starting his residency.

Thanks very much to all those who wrote in. Please keep us updated on all those twists and turns as life goes on.

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I hope this update finds everyone doing OK. I was relieved to hear that none of our classmates died in the terrorist attacks on September 11. With so much bad news out there, I'm happy to report some happy news. **Matt McGovern** is a new father. Chelsea Anne McGovern was born to Matt and his wife, Kristine, on August 8; she weighed 7 lbs., 13 oz. and measured 20 inches. Matt spends most of his free time playing with his daughter (and even might be caught changing a few diapers) in Cumming, which is just north of Atlanta. As for his work life, Matt is enjoying his job with Hewlett-Packard in Atlanta. He also completed his M.B.A. from Emory last year. Matt recently spoke to **David Leung,** who is working on his M.D./Ph.D. at Columbia.

In wedding news, **Amanda Kahn** married Mason Kirby '94 on October 20 in San Francisco, where the couple has been living for the past few years. "Yes, we did meet in the old School of Library Service Reading Room at the top of Butler," Mason writes. Amanda is a Ph.D. student in neuroscience at the University of California San Francisco and Mason is practicing architecture; he received his master's degree from Yale's School of Architecture in 1998. Their wedding announcement in *The New York Times* recounted how the two met on Columbia's campus.

It's a short update, but with *CCT* now coming out six times a year, I need your help. Please send in your updates. First-timers are encouraged.

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Classmates: Our generation has been marked forever. The world has changed dramatically since the events of September 11, and living in New York has become a wholly new concept; the usual vibrancy and life that is ingrained in the city and in its inhabitants has been replaced by our fear of biological warfare in subways and of repeated terrorist threats. Who knows if New York will ever feel the same again? I sincerely hope that we can stay strong long enough for the world to snap out of its current state of sheer insanity, because I'm certainly fed up with feeling scared. I hope that no one in our class was a victim of the World Trade Center disaster (although to an extent, we are all victims), but if there were any victims, I extend my deepest sympathies to their families and their friends. I also extend my sympathies to those who were affected by the crash of American flight 587. These last few months have been so taxing on all of us, especially those of us in New York, so I hope that all of you had a safe and peaceful holiday season. This year is one in which we will need our close friends and families to help us through these frightening times.

I am glad that despite these tragedies, some of you managed to find time to send in good news. **Greg Peck** is living in New York and has recently formed a company, Palazzo Partners, which is an investor, manager and designer of unique real estate and real estate-related assets. The company recently acquired the Beverly Crescent Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif. and plans to transform it into a spectacular boutique hotel. The company also is working on projects in Las Vegas and Aspen. Greg reports that **Stephane Gruffat** was recently married to Pauline Enrile in Provence, France. They are living in London, and Stephane works for CS First Boston. Congratulations, Stephane!

Last June, **Hilda Ramirez** married Juan Carlos Abreu. Among the guests were **James Grate** and **John Cardinale.** Hilda and her husband reside in Washington Heights. Hilda is working as a Business Systems Analyst in Connecticut and has recently begun a part-time master's program in computer science. **Cathy Ellis** is studying at the Law School, and **Deganit Stein,** who lives and works in Boston, is getting married in March 2002 in Savannah, Ga.

Those are all the notes I have to share with you for now. Be well, and be safe.

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I hope that this issue of Class Notes finds all of you safe and well in the wake of the tragic events of the past few months. Some of you wrote to tell us where you were at the time of the World Trade Center tragedy so we'll start with those notes, and then move on to other updates.

Though **Kerensa Harrell** teaches in a building just a few blocks from the World Trade Center, she was unharmed from the collapse, as she works evenings. She was unable to go to work for two weeks, as the neighborhood was closed to residents and workers. When it reopened, the street was free of debris but the air quality was poor. Fortunately, she did not lose any friends or family, though her boyfriend lost a firefighter friend. On a cheerier note, Kerensa and her boyfriend spent a lovely Labor Day Weekend in New Hampshire, where they went horseback riding and enjoyed the fresh country air. In mid-September, Kerensa began taking figure skating lessons, which she does with the Columbia University Figure Skating Club at a private rink in New Jersey that they rent one morning a week. On October 30, she performed Mozart's *Requiem* at Saint Paul's Chapel with the Columbia University Glee Club, which she joined two months ago as a soprano. They were fortunate to be accompanied by an exquisite orchestral ensemble and conductor from the Manhattan School of Music. Though the Glee Club performs Mozart's famous mass for the dead every year, this performance was particularly poignant because of the loss of lives our city experienced this season.

Mustafa "Moose" Abdul-Wahid is in Los Angeles. **Carolyn Bass** was working downtown in NYC a few blocks south of the WTC but got out safely. **Hamilton Boardman** watched from a great distance in Vietnam. **Kelvin Castellar** was on a cruise in Bermuda at the time of the tragedy. **Monique Chang** is now safe on the Upper West Side but was two miles from the Pentagon when the plane hit. **Deborah Feldman** worked in WTC Tower 2 on the 44th floor. She and her entire department were lucky enough to have started the evacuation process immediately after the first plane hit. **Sabra Gandhi** was in Brazil during the week of September 11. **Lauren Goodman** lives about three blocks from the WTC and managed to get out OK. Her roommate, **Danielle Paige,** also is OK, although they were unable to get into their apartment for awhile. **John O'Neill** was working from home in Washington Heights. **Kate Kelly**, who works at *The Wall Street Journal*, which is around the corner from the WTC, is unharmed. **Mike Latham** was stuck in Madrid, trying to get back to NYC. **Rebecca Linton** is safe but lost a friend in the tragedy. **Kevin McDonald** also lost a few family friends but is safe and working in midtown. **Carrie Sturts** is living in San Francisco and was supposed to be married on September 14 but has postponed the wedding until May.

Susanna Daniel is in Madison, Wis. **Stephen Dossick** is in San Francisco. **Timothy Hogan** is in D.C. **Shauna LaTouche** is in South Florida. Thomas Meyers '98 is in Berlin. **Jisoo Park** is in Silver Spring, Md. **Michael Pignatello** is in Chicago. **Heather (Natt) Schechter** and **Jesse Schechter** are in Albany, N.Y. **Laura Tatum** is in Ann Arbor, Mich. **Palma Volino** is in New Rochelle, N.Y. **Alysha Yagoda** is in Seattle.

Danielle Lynch is working as a technology project manager at America Online, Inc. in the headquarters office. She has been with AOL for two years and is working on her business school applications for Fall 2002 and studying for the GMAT. **Eva Burmeister,** violinist, is in Leipzig, Germany, where she is the first American woman to become a member of the Gewandhausorchester. **Paul Feuer** is working at Softwax.com. **Tracy Hammond** is at MIT. **John Condon** is enrolled in grad school at the University of Texas but is spending the year at Harvard. **Ana Kono** just returned from the National Society of Hispanic M.B.A. conference in San Antonio, where she was a representative of Wharton as well as a marketing case competition contestant. **Joshua Schank** recently started working for the inspector general for the U.S. Department of Transportation, where he analyzes various issues about Amtrak and the airline industry relating to economics and competition. He is still working on a Ph.D. in urban planning from Columbia, which he hopes to complete by May 2002. **Jackie Sadker** is at University of Virginia Law School. She spent last summer at law firms in Chicago and Portland, Ore. She will be clerking for a federal judge on the 9th Circuit in L.A. next year. After that, she is planning to work on civil rights policy in D.C. and hopes to teach law in Portland. **Angeline Koo, Sarah Canoniero,** Carter Burwell '96 and **Susan Burgess** are also at UVA Law. **Sarah Skoda** is a first-year at George Washington University Law School.

Erika Moravec '99 married **Nelson Jaeggli** on July 21, 2001. The wedding was held in Owings Mills, Md., and the couple honeymooned in the Bahamas. Nelson is in his second year at Columbia Medical School and Erica is in her first year of graduate school at NYU Tisch School of the Arts. Nelson was Erica's COOP leader her freshman year at Columbia and

they have been together since 1996. **Jennifer Squillario** got engaged this past June to Ian Taylor, whom she met at University of Maryland Law School. **Hannah Trooboff** and Brian McCollum '97E are excited to be planning for a July 2002 wedding in Washington. Brian works for Xerox, now in the toner division, for a fifth year. He's supporting a start-up plant in Ireland, so he has already had the chance to travel there twice for extended trips. Hannah is a second-year English teacher at School of the Arts in Rochester, N.Y. She's teaching 10th grade honors and regents-level English/Language Arts and absolutely loving it. She's just received a $2,500 Michael Jordan Fundamentals Grant to create and implement an interdisciplinary unit on 17th century French literature, theater and cultural history. **Rachel Adame** was married on September 14. Her husband is a corporal in the Army, and after the 11th, they decided they'd better get married in case he was deployed.

Joshua Ross is in Anyang, a suburb of Seoul, South Korea, teaching English at a private language school. He arrived in early October and will be there for a year, and would love to be contacted by any Korean alums. Since graduation, **Rokeia Smith** has been living in Harlem on 135th Street. For the past three years, she has been working in various capacities at NBC; currently she is a TV sales account manager for WNBC (selling airtime to advertisers). Some of her accounts include Coca-Cola, Wendy's and Hyundai. Though she hasn't been doing so as of late, her spare time has been spent traveling throughout the country and internationally (Australia, Acapulco and Jamaica).

I hope that you're getting excited about reunion weekend 2002 (May 30 - June 2)! So that you keep up to speed on reunion info as it develops, please remember to update your contact information with Columbia. You can do it at www.college.columbia.edu/alumni/address.html. Also, if you do not already get an e-mail from me to remind you about Class Notes submissions, please send me your e-mail address and e-mail addresses for your friends. Keep those notes coming!

Last issue's column published some misinformation about **Jonathan Grandon**. He and his wife Sea Ann actually met about six years ago when he was a junior. They went to Michigan Law School together. She is a patent attorney at Clifford Chance in New York, and he is starting his third year doing corporate work at Simpson Thacher. **Kencade Babb** was NOT present at the wedding, and as far as Jonathan knows, he is not working at a pecan farm in Oklahoma.

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A belated "Mazel Tov!" is in order for our Class's first set of wedding twins. **Josh Ratner** married Elena Salkovsky, Barnard '98, on August 5 in San Diego. On the same day in the same town, **Brooks Herman** married **Joanna Erman**. Josh, who wrote me about the "Columbia coincidence," is a third-year at Columbia Law. Elena is in her third year of medical school in Buffalo, so the two have a commuting marriage. Brooks and Joanna are pursuing graduate degrees at Harvard, he in theology, she in law. Congratulations to both couples.

My former resident **Casey Gane-McCalla** is living in Cambridge, Mass., where he runs a math tutoring program and a record company. In response to September 11, many classmates logged on to Columbia's "Checking in September 11 Status Page." Here are a few updates from those who visited the site:

Adria Armbrister is in D.C. and doing well. Her family in N.Y. is fine as well. **Adina Berrios**: "These days I'm working midtown and living uptown. I'd love to hear how other folks are doing." **Jennifer Bildersee**: "Fine in Brooklyn and headed to Bolivia for the year." **Ari Blank** "is safe and sound in Los Angeles. His family in New York also is unharmed." **Jacie Buitenkant**: "I watched the second tower go up in flames from across the street and had to run from the falling debris, but I am OK. I am working at the New York Stock Exchange and would love to hear from people." **Elon Johnson** wrote that **Dawan Cornish** is fine. She is teaching in the Bronx and has a 2-year-old son, Djassi. As for Elon, he saw the tragedy on his way to midtown. Elon also reports that **Felicia Williams** is fine. She is working as a teacher in Brooklyn and has a 1-year-old daughter. She was married last year and her last name is now Wilks. **Michael Degnan** was working for Sapient in New Delhi, India, on September 11. All family and friends are well. **Kapil Desai**: "Living in Newark with my boyfriend — both of us are fine." **Mario Favetta** was safely evacuated from One World Financial Center. **Michelle Garcia** is attending Columbia Law School. She got married this summer and changed her last name to Navarro. **Elliot Han**: "Just moved to Rector Street. Had to run for it but am fine, living with friends until I can return to my new apartment." **Jack Merrin**: "I am living in New York City doing research at Rockefeller University." Natasha Pfeiffer '98E: "Living on Upper West Side. Saw the towers collapse from work across the Hudson in New Jersey. My heart goes out to everybody." **Danika Smith**: "No longer live on Wall Street; safe and sound in Charlotte. My heart is heavy for those who lost friends and associates in the WTC attack. "Thank you all for contributing to the site, and I hope to hear from more of you for the next Class Notes.

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We hope everyone had a great holiday season. We would like to first update members of the class on Homecoming, which this year was on Saturday, October 13. Despite losing to Penn, Homecoming was a great opportunity to visit with fellow classmates and other alumni. Our class had a great turnout at both the afternoon game as well as the post-game CCYA party on campus. We do not have a lot of updates in this issue, so for those who are interested, please take a moment to send in information on your whereabouts.

We're scheduled to join several '99 and '00 alums in Vancouver at the end of December to celebrate the wedding of **Allan Ng** and Meredith Jones '00. Allan is in San Francisco working as an account supervisor with JWT & Tonic advertising and Meredith is a first-year law student at Cal Berkeley.

As noted last month, **Joseph Della Pietra** was among those lost at the World Trade Center on September 11. His brother, Chris '89, writes, "In response to many inquiries regarding donations to a particular fund or cause on behalf of my brother, Joe, I wish to inform you that our high school, Poly Prep, has formally established the September 11 Memorial Fund. While Joe certainly made an impact on many people during his lifetime, we hope that the establishment of this fund will result in a meaningful legacy that will benefit many Poly students for years to come. The address is Poly Prep C.D.S., September 11 Memorial Fund, c/o Development Office, 9216 Seventh Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11228-3698. For more information, call (718) 836-9800. Checks should be made payable to Poly Prep, and should reference Joe's name. My family is grateful for your support."

David Koenig is teaching math at his high school alma mater, Dwight-Englewood School, and living in Englewood, N.J., with his wife, Adela Roxas. They were married in October in Hoboken, N.J., and several Columbians were in attendance: **Riaz Ali**, **Michael Feldman**, Marius Hentea '00, Amity Law '00, **Wendy Liu**, Paul Rohwer '98, **Sameer Shamsi** and Jason Viehland '97E.

Thanks again to those who sent in updates for this edition and we look forward to receiving future ones.

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We're back to the updates, folks. It was wonderful to hear from those who wrote in — thanks so much for the patience.

We start this column with **Kat Rakowsky**, who e-mailed all the way from Cambridge, England. Kat (who, by the way, sends much love to her mother back in the U.S.) is studying social anthropology on a Fulbright grant. **Marisa Cravens**, meanwhile, has returned to Boston after completing her coursework for an international master's program in Stockholm. She is living in a small arts commune, working on her thesis, writing a play and working at the Department of Urban Studies and Planning at MIT. According to Marisa, **Christine Martinez** is teaching in Los Angeles and **Tom Dapice** is in his second year at the JFK School of Government.

Also back in the United States are **Claire Hunsaker** and **Melissa Rosenstein**. Claire was in the United Kingdom for the year wreaking all sorts of havoc and making a name for herself in the publishing biz, etc. Melissa, meanwhile, divided her time between Chile, Venezuela and Nicaragua working with different women's health groups. **Naomi Schiller**, according to Melissa, also is back in the States after completing her Fulbright in Venezuela. **Evidio Musibay** is now in NYC having transferred to P&S from the University of Miami, where he was doing graduate work in microbiology. **Adrienne Brown** is still in the city (moving to Brooklyn soon) and working at Harm Reduction Coalition, a progressive nonprofit that deals with drug policy reform. In addition, Adrienne has founded her own non-profit, Conscious Movements, with fellow Columbia graduate **Tchaiko Omawale**.

Jean Wang has relocated to Reston, Va., to start work as a federal employee. Welcome to the government, Jean! She, Vikas Mittal '00E and Steve Specht '00E have successfully completed the yearbook and that it should be out by the time you read this. You can e-mail her at taiwanchina@aol.com with any questions regarding the long-awaited book.

Erica Easley and **Jenny Park** are in Los Angeles, adding to the growing mass of Columbians out there. Erica is, among other things, writing a screenplay and Jenny is studying architecture at UCLA. Members of other classes also are representing Columbia out on the West Coast: Zea Malawa '99 is a first-year med student at UCLA with **Rashmi Menon**.

In San Francisco, **Sami Mesrour** is working at Barclays after having graduated with a master's from the London School of Economics. Other '00ers in the area include **John Kim**, **Mike Marks** and **Erin Ferrell**.

Back in Washington, D.C., **Shaline Khurana** is getting her masters in physiology and biophysics at Georgetown through the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and the Medical School. **Juliet Ross** has moved down here from NYC with boyfriend **Dan Burstein**, who is studying at Georgetown Law School.

Finally, it was wonderful seeing many of you during Homecoming weekend. Thanks to **Lystra Batchoo** who played hostess! Lystra is now working at NPower NY, the nonprofit world's technology consulting firm. In New York, I had the pleasure of running into **Ingride Richardson** (who is at Cornell Med) on the subway and seeing Vikas Mittal '00E, **Joel Daniels**, **Katy LeBlanc**, **Laura Pietropinto**, **Tara Gangadhar** (who celebrated a birthday that day) **Christophe Gillet**, **Cory Martin**, **Jason Yang**, Jon-Mychal Bowman '99, **John Kriegsman**, **Eric Yellin**, **Don Saelinger**, **Sander Cohan**, **Leslie Zivin**, **Nathan Hale**, **Nelson Chan**, **Maciej Paluch** (who, apparently, has taken up exotic dancing in the East Village), and many, many others. I apologize for not getting everyone. Please e-mail me and remind me what you are all doing! Take good care. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

WEDDING PARTY: Robin Yerkes Horton '01 ***was married on June 9 at her parents' home in Salisbury, Conn., to John Horton, a 2001 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy (although for the past two years, Robin writes, John has spent as much time at Columbia as at West Point). Horton was scheduled to be at Fort Knox for a couple of months before heading off for three years as a tank platoon leader in the 1st Armored Division in Frankfurt, Germany, where Robin plans to look for work. Flanking the wedding couple in this photo were Columbians (from left)*** **Ronen Hackim '01, Joel Mainland '01, Austin Ripley '01, Aimee Silverman '01, Peter Zuspan '01, Carolyn Yerkes '02** ***(sister of the bride), Frances Yerkes '80 Business (mother of the bride),*** **Nancy Yerkes '05** ***(sister of the bride), David Yerkes (professor of English and father of the bride),*** **Karen Ross '01,** ***Laura Zupa, Barnard '01,*** **Satoko Naito '01, Maren Maier '01, Christina Scully '01, Katherine Chang '01** ***and*** **Michael Bilsborough '01.**

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It's been a while since I wrote a traditional column, and I have lots of updates to pass along. I've had the good fortune of seeing many of you at Columbia events (including Homecoming). I look forward to seeing more of you at other events in the future, and hearing from more of you via e-mail. Best wishes for a happy new year to all of you!

I'll start the column with a quick correction on **Ariel Neuman.** I mistakenly reported that he started law school in the fall, but he has been spending this year toiling away at Club Med during the summer and early fall (bartending at their resorts). He then headed to Copper Mountain, Colo., for a grueling season of "work" on the slopes. In his words, "Law school isn't happening until next year."

On September 20, I attended the CCYA awards reception held in Times Square. Other classmates attending included **Emily Burkes-Nossiter, Akhill Chopra** (working at J.P. Morgan Chase), **Camille DeLaite** (working at Lehman Brothers), **Christine Dunphy** (teaching and working at MetLife), **Daniel Jean-Baptiste, Dave Matteini** and **Joe Rezek**. To try to list everyone who attended Homecoming without leaving people out would be foolish. It was nice to see everyone there!

Shawnee Pickney is at SIPA focusing on finishing her M.P.A. degree. She recently changed plans to play basketball in Europe, deciding to stay in the U.S. and concentrate on school. However, she remains committed to the game, co-coaching a girl's team in the Greenwich Village Youth League on weekends. Shawnee now has more time to "improve and enhance my basketball skills for whatever path I decide to blaze in the arena of basketball, whether coaching, playing, or both." Shawnee's friend and teammate **Manju Chacko** is teaching health and physical education and applying to medical school. Lendell '00 and **Tamika Thompson** are now happily married — Tamika is a production associate at the *Iyanla Show* and Lendell is doing well as a financial analyst for the Federal Reserve.

My old Carman 11 pal **Samra Haider** ran into **Marla Goodman** and **Kim Harris** in Turkey this summer, while she was travelling with **Leah Aden** and **Chi Mgbako.** Samra works at J.P. Morgan Chase and lives in SoHo with **Jane Jhun, Brynn Wurmbrand** and **Maureen Koons.** She is busy studying for LSATs in "the hopes of going back to school ASAP." As for other Carman 11-ites, **Chi Mgbako** is teaching English in Nepal and is headed to Harvard Law School in September 2002. **Liz Salamy**, Chi's former roommate, is living in Tudor City, and working for the corporate offices of a retail clothing company in Manhattan. **Jessica Lee** is working at Jones, Lang and LaSalle, a real estate company, and will attend Columbia Law in the fall of this year or next (she hasn't decided yet). **Jason Billy** is working as a paralegal at Wolf, Haldenstein, Adler, Freemen, and Herz and living in Queens. **Ethan Perlstein** is in a Ph.D. program for biology at Harvard.

Nazreen Karim is attending NYU Medical School. **Sheila Nazarian, Adam Jacobi** and **Danielle Novetsky** are studying at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. **Michael Smith** is attending Chicago Medical School. **Adam Sokol** is in graduate school at Yale studying architecture. **Ann-Marie Tesar** is "among the idealistic, brave and often broke multitude toiling in the nonprofit realm here in New York City, working for the National Judicial Education Program to Promote Equality for Women and Men in the Courts, a project of the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund." She is happy to be using her women's studies degree. She lives in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. **Simon Moshenberg**, another women's studies major, spent his summer in Honduras and is now in El Salvador, working as a representative of the Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador, and "sure to be stirring up as much trouble as possible."

Members of my CC class are doing a variety of interesting things. **Deme Kasimis** is in Greece on a Fulbright. **Evan Michailidis** is living on Long Island and working as a paralegal at Davis Polk, & Wardwell. **Ronen Landa** is living on the Upper West Side, working on a film score and pursuing several musical projects. **Sybil Dodge** is living in SoHo and working at Booz-Allen. **Aaron Cohen** is in graduate school at University of Pennsylvania studying city planning and real estate development. Aaron also is working with Goldman Properties on the redevelopment of 13th Street between Chestnut Street and Walnut Street in downtown Philadelphia.

At the end of the summer, I had the pleasure of attending a rooftop party in the East 40s of Manhattan at **Vasantha Rao** and **Molly Thompson**'s apartment. Also attending were **Annie Lainer, Annie Simpson, Matthew Hughes, Chris Miller, Paul Getto, Eric Lane, Andrea Villanti, Milan Markovic, Rahul Prasankumar** and **Georgia Ewen-Campen.** I ran into Georgia several weeks later on a crosstown bus, and she is living on Upper East Side and working full-time at an architectural firm where she used to intern.

Cheryl Young and **Mary Lee** are "enjoying the less frenzied atmosphere of Park Slope, where one can often bump into fellow alumna **Susie Cowen.**" Cheryl is a project manager for the NYC

Department of Housing Preservation & Development, helping the fiscally challenged to better homes and loans. Also working for the city is **Kim Mosolf,** who investigates the NYPD as a field investigator for the Civilian Complaint Review Board. For the past three months, Mary has been working for A&E Television Networks as an associate producer for the History Channel's educational program, HistoryChannel.com Network. **Nkosi Anderson** is working in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office in its Family Violence and Child Abuse Bureau as a paralegal. Nkosi hopes to go to law school in the future.

Jorge Herrera moved to Washington, D.C. and received the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Fellowship where he works for the Senate Democratic Steering Committee. Jorge wants to give everyone his new phone number "so people always know they have a friendly place to visit in D.C.:" (202) 659-9431. **Marc Dunkelman** is sharing an apartment in D.C. with **Andrew Dennington** and **David Teller Goldman.** He is working for the Senate Judiciary Committee, and more specifically, the Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs. Marc is working on anti-terrorism legislation, "so as others struggle to find ways they can contribute to victims, families and heroes, I'm honored to play a small part in an effort to address and remedy the nation's ills." **Anne Lainer** reports that **Andrew Dennington** is working as a research associate at the Center for Health Services Research and Policy at George Washington University. Also in the D.C. area is my old friend from New Jersey, **Lillian Ho,** who is living in Columbia, Md.

Spectator alums have been busy as well, pursuing careers in journalism and beyond. **Alex Eule** is working at Citigate Sard Verbinnen, a financial communications firm in Manhattan, and enjoying his apartment in Murray Hill. **Arthur Harris** is working at ABC News learning all about broadcast news and "abandoning my quaint fantasies of a writer's life." **Dan Laidman** is in Missoula, Mont., freelancing for a weekly paper and some magazines. **Jori Frakie** also is in Montana, working as a grant writer for a homeless shelter.

Benjamin Lowe is living in Philadelphia and working at the *Philadelphia Inquirer* as a business reporter and a New York disaster correspondent. **Jonathan Lemire** is living near Columbia and working as a metro news reporter for the *Daily News*. The job has allowed Jon to "get my hands dirty seeing what really makes this great city tick. Since September 11, however, everything's changed, and I've had a front-row seat: It's been scary, but at the same time inspirational to see how the city is persevering. My thoughts and prayers go out to all those affected by this tragedy."

Rich Luthmann is still living in the Columbia area and attending New York Law School. He was recently down in Longport with **Artie Harris** visiting **Stu Dearnley** (who's going to be "ski-bumming" in Colorado for the winter) and **Brie Cokos,** who had returned from her deep-sea-diving trip to Belize a few weeks before. **Abigail Burns** is living in the East Village and working for the Gilder Lehrman Institute, a nonprofit historical organization. **Randy Aussenberg** is teaching eighth grade science in Baltimore through Teach for America. Randy finds that the job has "many rewarding aspects, and I enjoy many of the personalities of my eighth grade students." **Lauren Goldstein** is in a joint program with Columbia School of Social Work and Bank Street College for Education. She is getting a master's in special education and social work. Lauren student-taught at the Bank Street School on 112th Street and has since received another placement at a different school. She reports that **Kelly Camamis** is in law school at Cardozo.

Martha Sparks is teaching middle school in Manhattan and pursuing a master's degree from Teachers College in a pilot program sponsored by Columbia called Columbia Urban Educators. Other classmates in the program include **James Massey, Teresa Genao, Jaime Pannone, Amy Kimpel, Ari Dolid** and **Jamila Lenard. Lindsay Torrey** worked at a small NYC production company during the summer and has left for Europe for some travel. She hopes to backpack around Ireland, Scotland and Sweden, as well as, perhaps, get some dance training in London. After her travels, Lindsey plans to settle in Brooklyn. She reports that **Genna Weinstein** and **Mariel Martinez** are living in D.C. and working as paralegals. **Jake Hart** is living in London and working at a theatre company. **Jennifer Hoekstra** is working at an environmental policy firm and living in Park Slope. Also in Brooklyn is **Laura Kruter**, who is working at Bloomberg.

Rena Seth has enlisted in the Air Force Reserves. She started the application process before the tragedies of September 11, and "the events did not change my decision." On top of all this, Rena is applying to graduate school (but she has scrapped plans to go to medical school). **Robin Haber (Freyberg)** got married in August and started a social psychology Ph.D. program at Rutgers. **Adam Lesser** is unemployed in L.A. after teaching earth science to eighth graders in Atlanta for Summerbridge. **Anne Olivar** and **Seth Kotch** are living together in Rome. **Jon Rick** is a temp/waiter and is applying to do graduate work in philosophy. **Elaine Shen** is "swimming in a deluge of applications and standardized tests" for a job in urban planning and law school. Last summer, Elaine interned at the NYC Mayor's Office of Environmental Coordination and learned a lot about brownfield remediation and environmental regulation/legislation. Although currently in Baltimore, Elaine hopes to find a job in New York soon.

Seth Morris is teaching third grade at Lincoln Elementary School in Compton, Calif., with Teach for America, while pursuing a master's in education at Loyola Marymount. Seth also is training for the Los Angeles Marathon in March. **Richard Plotkin**, who ran into Seth this summer while traveling Route 66 from Chicago to California, is pursuing a Ph.D. in music theory at the University of Chicago.

Seth reported on many people: **Ramsey Chamie** is working for the Justice Department in D.C. **Vanessa Hutchinson-Szekely** is teaching sixth grade in L.A. with Teach for America. **Shreya Kangovi** is at Harvard Medical School and **Will Bagley** is at University of Michigan Medical School. **Dan Fazio** is a paralegal in New York. **Nancy Perla** has been busy in various journalism jobs. After a stint with Conde Nast Publications (at *Glamour*), she now works at ABC News. Nancy reports that fellow-Parisian-study-abroad student, **Heather Doherty,** is again living in Paris, and working at the *International Herald Tribune*. **Julie Oh** is working at a small international trade organization in midtown and living on the Upper East Side. Outside of work, Julie spent time volunteering for the John Liu for City Council campaign in Flushing, Queens. As for her friends, Julie reports: **Van DeBergh** is working in the Navajo Nation, teaching English to sixth graders. **Surupa Sen Gupta** is working for *Fortune* in midtown and living on the Upper East Side. **Annie Simpson** is working for a graphic designer in Chelsea and living in Alphabet City.

Gabriel Pitta is living around the corner from SoHo and working at Harlem Hospital as the NYC site director of Project HEALTH, a nonprofit that develops health interventions for kids with chronic illnesses (HIV, diabetes, sickle cell, asthma, obesity). Gabe is interviewing for medical school and plans to enroll next fall. He also reported on the whereabouts of many friends: **Heather Lee** is in her first year at NYU Law and **Lisa Kasser** is working for a financial firm as well as volunteering at Mount Sinai with a pediatric art therapy program. **Valaine Hewitt** is in her first year at Cornell Medical School. **Jenny Garcia** is back in New York and looking for work. **Bree Akesson** is in Chepterwai, Kenya, working with the Peace Corps. She's delivered several babies, does HIV education, and lives by herself on top of a mountain, loving every minute of it.

Eliel Flores is working at the Vera Institute. He's applying to law school and will be enrolling this coming fall. **Sarah Case** is dancing in New York as well as Boston and did some dancing in London a while back. **Barb Nellenback** and **Cassie O'Shea** are living in Manhattan. Cassie is waitressing at Cafe Lalo. **Jordan Fischbach** is living in Cambridge, Mass., and working as a research analyst for the Cadmus Group. Also in Cambridge are **Dean Lin** and **Matt Davis,** who are both at Harvard Law. Gabe sadly reported that **Mandy Reichmann,** who started her Columbia career with us, passed away in September from cancer *(see page 29)*. In his words, "She was easily one of the warmest, most amazing people we knew and we miss her and love her very much."

On that sad note, I wish you all the very best this year. Please be in touch.

ANSWERS TO QUIZ

1. Thomas Jefferson; the statue stands in front of the Journalism Building.
2. Trick question: All three were proposed.
3. Sandy Koufax.
4. *Jester.*
5. Lawrence Wien '25 — Wien Hall and Wien Stadium.
6. President Rupp is also a Presbyterian minister.
7. Lou Kusserow '49.
8. John Corigliano won an Academy Award in 2000 for his score for *The Red Violin* and a Pulitzer Prize in 2001 for his *Symphony No. 1.*
9. DeWitt Clinton, Class of 1786.
10. Eighteen, including current President George Rupp.

Alumni Corner

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chairman & CEO of Bertelsmann; **Conrad Lung '72**, president of Sunnex; and **William McDavid '68**, general counsel for J.P. Morgan Chase.

There have been appearances by alumni at key student events — Class Day, the Senior Dinner, February Commencement, the Yule Log Ceremony, the Tree Lighting on College Walk, and even Orgo Night.

The Alumni Association and the staff in Alumni Affairs have been working with the Class of 2002 Fund Committee, 24 energetic, enthusiastic seniors who are educating their peers about the importance of participating in the College Fund. Participation is one of the categories which *U.S. News and World Report* measures to establish its annual school rankings, and one category in which Columbia has lagged behind its peers. This year's committee is determined to change that, and under the capable leadership of the four chairs (Scott Koonin '02, Alison Hirsh '02, Pooja Agarwal '02 and Sarah Palestrant '02), I've no doubt it will.

As you can see, we are well on our way to building a strong foundation of support for the future. The CCAA continues to reach out to undergraduates to show them that there is a nurturing alumni support group out there willing to help and work with them.

If anyone wants to be an active participant in anything that involves student mentoring, networking, interviewing applicants or even attending events, please let us know. Your current support has been most gratifying. We hope it will continue and grow in the future.

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Crew boating. I rowed bow in the Columbia Junior Varsity heavyweight shell in the three-mile JV race at Poughkeepsie on June 21, 1947. I am interested to recall the boating of this shell, i.e., who were the other oarsmen. Arthur L. Thomas. Phone (203) 869-0697; Fax (203) 552-0169; E-mail alt30@columbia.edu.

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Alumni Corner

For Alma Mater on the Hudson Shore

By Gerald Sherwin '55
President, Columbia College Alumni Association

One of the most important initiatives of the Columbia College Alumni Association in recent years has been to establish linkage between alumni and the undergraduate student body — our future alums. This starts once applicants have been accepted to the College and continues from the time they arrive on campus through their four years at Columbia. After they graduate, we want them to continue to feel part of the Columbia family. This is reflected in their participation, both financial and otherwise. We want alumni to help undergraduates in terms of mentoring, networking for jobs, and basically serving as a resource that fellow Columbians and future undergrads can call on. The College also depends upon alumni to give back financially, and this starts with the Class of 2002 Fund Committee. In addition, we want students to be exposed to the Columbia traditions built over the years and to be aware of the role alumni play in their lives and the life of the College.

Gerald Sherwin '55
PHOTO: MICHAEL DAMES

All functions are handled in a coordinated effort between the Office of Alumni Affairs, headed by Derek Wittner '65, and the division of Student Affairs (including the Class Centers and the Admissions Office), under the auspices of Chris Colombo.

Everything begins before students even enter the College. In areas around the country and overseas, the newly accepted first-year students are invited to academic advising sessions led by Class Deans. Following these sessions, the students are joined by their parents for receptions jointly hosted by Alumni Affairs and the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, with local ARC (Alumni Representative Committee — Columbia graduates who interview applicants to the College) members. These events have been successfully held in a few cities, with plans under way for programs this year in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Atlanta, Milwaukee, Hong Kong and Singapore. Everyone should note that there are more than 3,000 alums who give their valuable time to interview secondary school students applying to Columbia by participating in the ARC.

The next phase is Orientation Week, in which incoming first-years and their parents meet various members of the alumni body, including the president of the CCAA and the heads of the Columbia College Young Alumni (CCYA), Columbia College Women (CCW) and the Outreach Committee. Welcoming events, including the legacy and international students receptions, ease the transition from high school to college (it is probably more important for the parents than the students). And at the first academic meeting of the year with Dean Austin Quigley, new students receive a gift from the Alumni Association, connecting past and present.

During the course of the academic year a plethora of activities are held that bring together students and alumni. CCYA hosts Networking Nights (to which seniors are invited), mentoring sessions and social gatherings. As guests of the Junior and Senior Class Centers, young alumni participate in the Columbia Connections series, topic-based discussions about practical matters and "life after Columbia"— the importance of networking, finding an apartment, staying in touch with friends near and far, and finding a balance between work and recreation. In another initiative, students and alumni meet to share dinner and conversation about a common area of interest. For example, **Dr. Gordon Klein '67** returned to Columbia in December to talk with students about his experiences in pediatrics and preventive medicine. At the Trilling/Van Doren Awards, students, faculty and alumni get a chance to mix at an event related to the Core. CCW hosts numerous events throughout the year, including social occasions and mentoring sessions. The Outreach Committee has a mentoring component, as well, and also is involved with programming special events for Black, Latino and Asian students and alumni.

The CCAA continues to reach out to undergraduates to show them that there is a nurturing alumni support group out there.

In November, **Richard Wald '52** spoke to students in the Living Learning Center in the first program of a series examining media's response to crisis. Other alumni have been invited to continue this series with current students in several spring programs at the Center. Plans are being made for a late February event with first-years and alumni, and just before sophomores declare their majors in March, alumni will return to campus for conversations with students about college majors and career opportunities. To mark the end of their undergraduate years, the Class of 2002 will be honored at the Senior Dinner, a semi-formal event jointly sponsored by Alumni Affairs and Student Affairs.

Student leaders are invited to attend key events hosted by the Alumni Association, such as the Alexander Hamilton and John Jay Awards functions. In November, the Hamilton Medal for 2001 was presented to **Phil Milstein '71**, a long-time benefactor whose generous contributions to the College include the beautifully renovated Milstein Family College Library in Butler. This year's John Jay Awards Dinner will be held on March 6 at the Plaza Hotel and will honor **Derek Johnson '81**, president and CEO of the Apollo Theatre Foundation; **Joel Klein '67**,

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Columbia College Today Trivia Quiz

1. In addition to John Jay (Class of 1764) and Alexander Hamilton (Class of 1778), what Founding Father has a statue on the Morningside Heights campus?
2. Which of the following cities was not proposed in the 18th century as an alternative to Manhattan Island as the location for King's College? Hempstead, Long Island; Newburgh, N.Y.; or Rye, N.Y.
3. What 1960s major league pitcher attended a semester's worth of classes at Columbia before embarking on a Hall-of-Fame career with the Dodgers?
4. What famous Columbia student publication, first published on April 1, 1901, was revived last year?
5. What member of the Class of 1925 has two Columbia buildings named for him in two different parts of Manhattan?
6. University President George Rupp has a second career in addition to academics. Can you name it?
7. In 2000, Johnathan Reese '02 took over the record for most career rushing yards by a Columbia Lion. Whose record did he supplant?
8. What Class of 1959 composer has won an Academy Award and a Pulitzer Prize over the last two years?
9. Name the King's College alumnus who, as governor of New York, was responsible for the construction of the Erie Canal.
10. Lee C. Bollinger has been selected as Columbia's next president. When he takes office over the summer, how many presidents will have preceded him since 1754?

Compiled by Timothy P. Cross and Laura Butchy; answers on page 54.

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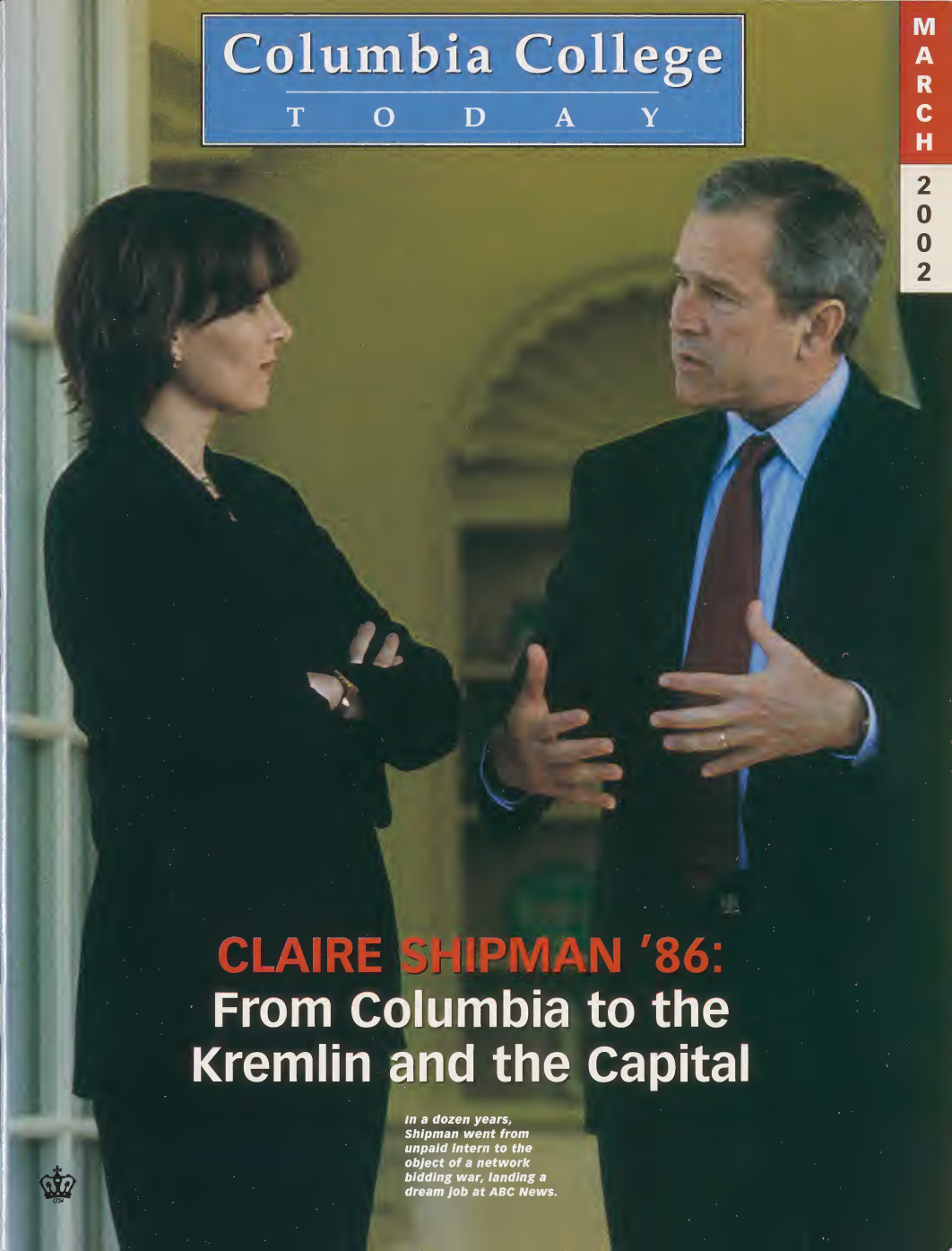

CLAIRE SHIPMAN '86: From Columbia to the Kremlin and the Capital

In a dozen years, Shipman went from unpaid intern to the object of a network bidding war, landing a dream job at ABC News.

Mark your calendar...

SPRING SEMESTER 2002

Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday	Monday
MARCH 13 CCW Alumna Achievement Award	APRIL 4 Memorial Service for Wallace Gray	APRIL 13 Dean's Day	MAY 6 Last Day of Classes

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
MAY 19 Baccalaureate Service	MAY 20 Academic Awards & Prizes Ceremony	MAY 21 Class Day

Wednesday	Thursday-Sunday
MAY 22 University Commencement	MAY–JUNE 30–2 Reunion Weekend

FALL SEMESTER 2002

Tuesday	Saturday	Wednesday	Monday
SEPTEMBER 3 First Day of Classes	OCTOBER 5 Homecoming (vs. Princeton)	NOVEMBER 13 Alexander Hamilton Medal Dinner	DECEMBER 9 Last Day of Classes

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By Shira J. Boss '93

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Architecture of Columbia

We read with interest the article, "The Architecture of Columbia, Educational Visions in Conflict," in the January 2002 issue of *CCT*.

Whether the University's architecture ever was planned to be open to the city is arguable, as all building entrances were designed to be interior to the campus and access to the campus is and was from a limited number of points as well. In these days of heightened security, openness works against the need to provide a safe environment.

The College at its Morningside inception would have benefited from a separate architectural identity within the larger University campus by completing the enclosure of the Hamilton/John Jay quadrangle as in the original plan. It might have fostered a greater sense of identity and pride among undergraduates, elements the College has often been accused of lacking. But more importantly, as the University expanded its dormitory facilities for undergraduates, it should have instituted a house system within the dormitories with separate dining and study facilities. The other Ivies, from their origins, realized the fundamental human need for community in their house systems, which foster subsidiary groupings within the larger university community and the surrounding urban area; a comforting refuge from the anonymous larger environment. In my day, the fraternities and student organizations offered opportunities for fostering community not available to the same degree in the dormitories. Fecundity without solidarity can be barren and empty.

Symmetrical architecture

The University also egregiously failed to meet the needs of the undergraduate community by not acquiring adjacent properties for undergraduate athletics when it located to Morningside Heights. Having to travel half an hour to get to the University's athletic facilities is an onerous burden that has been placed upon generations of Columbia undergraduates. If at the time it could not afford the property acquisitions, or if the land was already developed, it should have opted for the leafy greenswards of Westchester for its undergraduate campus. It created an admirable architectural legacy for generations of students, but it fell short in providing for many of their fundamental human needs.

As the University expanded its facilities in the second half of the last century, it betrayed its architectural legacy by building some truly mediocre, dissonant buildings and by violating the symmetry of the original plan. First among them was Carman, truly atrocious and utilitarian. It should have been designed in architectural harmony and in symmetry with John Jay — John Jay II, if you like. This was followed by the similarly uninspired Mudd Engineering building and a further succession of bland additions. Uris Hall at least echoes the limestone used in Low Library and does not violate the campus symmetry. The University should have expanded within McKim's symmetrical architectural plan, and should have echoed his style and materials in its additions rather than encumbering its campus with discordant elements. Lerner succeeds at that (except for the metal shed on the roof). How grand and elegant the fulfillment of the original plan would have been!

Architecture, beyond providing shelter and space for activities, functions to inspire feelings of transcendence and solidarity. Columbia's campus does that well, better than most, but it suffers from missing pieces and unfortunate carbuncular accretions.

Arthur E. Lavis '61
MONTVALE, N.J.

I enjoyed the piece on Columbia University's architecture and how it balances various tensions (University vs. College and campus vs. city, for example). All of these tensions pale in comparison to the tensions between south and west, specifically, or money and vision.

The trustees had another choice when they authorized the move uptown in the 19th century. It was whether to face the campus south, so as to embrace the city, which is what the architects pushed for, or to face the campus west. At that time, all the land from the hilltop where Low

WITHIN THE FAMILY

Space Is Our Largest Constraint

Mark Burstein, who's in charge of facilities management at Columbia, was describing the multitude of construction and renovation projects taking place on or around campus recently — projects that, it should be emphasized, have done much to improve the look, utility and spirit of the campus. As he went through his list — from the renovations of Hamilton, Butler and various dorms to the construction at Broadway and 110th Street to plans for the space formerly occupied by the Lion's Court to ongoing discussions about putting a science tower above the gym at Broadway and 120th Street — there was a constant cautionary disclaimer.

"Space is our largest constraint as an institution," said Burstein, citing figures that show Columbia has less physical space per student than peer institutions. "Space is the limiting factor in a number of things that we want to do."

Sure, it would be great to expand book storage for Butler Library, but where? After seeing how expensive it would be to build out under South Field, it was decided to partner with the New York Public Library and Princeton University for a book storage facility in Princeton, N.J. It's more economical to do that and pay for transporting books to and from campus as needed than to build a storage facility on Morningside Heights.

Burstein's lament — I remember him on another occasion aptly describing Columbia as "a space-poor university" — got me to thinking about our January cover story, "The Architecture of Columbia" by Professor Hilary Ballon. Especially about what might have been.

Imagine what the University might be like if, a century ago, its leaders had another $1 million or so when they moved the campus to Morningside Heights. That's about all it would have taken to buy up the land west of Broadway, all the way down to the Hudson River.

There might have been a Baker Field where Barnard now sits, or a state-of-the-art science center, or a gym truly big enough to accommodate intercollegiate, intramural and recreational athletes alike. The University could have had superior faculty housing to lure the best and brightest from around the country and sufficient student housing for undergraduate and graduate students alike.

Columbia didn't have the money back then, so it doesn't have the land now. And when we sing about "Alma Mater on the Hudson Shore," we're not being entirely truthful; "Alma Mater a Couple of Blocks From the Hudson Shore" is more accurate.

But remember the words of Whittier: "For of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these: 'It might have been.'" Burstein and his boss, Emily Lloyd, are to be commended for their aggressive approach to making the most of every square foot of available space. Their continuing challenge is to find innovative ways to stretch dollars and space so that Columbia's students and faculty have the facilities that they deserve.

Alex Sachare

stands, to the riverside where Riverside Park and the highway were later built, could have been Columbia property.

Our football stadium and athletics fields were to be on the waterfront, much like they are now, but 100 blocks closer, keeping major student activities and intercollegiate athletics accessible. Imagine the views, the increased light, the ability to play a spontaneous game of frisbee or hoops, and the magnificent sunsets. This would have made our campus perhaps the most impressive in the world, and probably would have resulted in even greater renown and endowment than Alma Mater enjoys today. I think we would have surpassed Harvard in the 20th century. We would have avoided some of the painful town and gown tensions we experienced in the late 1960s.

Unfortunately, the Trustees' decision was not driven by McKim, Mead and White's vision of an urban university embracing the city, but by dollars. The extra land would have cost about $1 million more, which was quite a lot then. The entire move to Morningside Heights cost about $11 million, including $7 million for the central campus's real estate. An additional 14 percent on real estate and we really could have seemed like we owned New York.

So the tension between having it and not having it continues. The lesson being, if you can get waterfront real estate, especially in NYC, then go for it, even if you must finance!

Jared Goldstein '89
NEW YORK

I commend Hilary Ballon on her fascinating, cerebrally satisfying exposition, "The Architecture of Columbia: Educational Visions in Conflict – A battleground of ideas, mission, relationship to city" (the title almost, but not quite, says it all) that appeared in the January issue of *Columbia College Today*.

Her elaborations about Seth Low's vision of the College as a classic extension or enhancement of the municipal, about McKim's granite high-rise table that lifted law students above the hustle and bustle of the city crowds and exhaust pipes into the rarified atmosphere of legal debates and case studies, and finally about Butler's vision of the College as a Gothic withdrawal away from municipal involvement to a more gentrified campus gives her presentation coherence as she itemizes and describes interesting physical features of the campus, both classic and Gothic.

By the article's conclusion, she has convinced the reader of her thesis: [The campus is] "an ensemble … a significant architectural achievement." Most compelling is her conclusion that these productive tensions of Gothic and classic, reflected in the campus architecture, give "the project of humanistic education a

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AROUND THE QUADS

University Establishes New Department: Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Biology

BY TIMOTHY P. CROSS

In order to expand the University's range in the biological sciences and enhance its role in the fields of ecology and evolutionary biology, Columbia has established the new Department of Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Biology. E3B, as the department is often abbreviated, began offering courses in the fall semester. Associate Professor Marina Cords, a zoologist and expert on primate social organization, is the department's chair.

"The new department represents an important expansion for Columbia of both the biological sciences and environmental sciences," said David Cohen, vice president and dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

The creation of the department reflects not only changes in biological research but also the practical considerations of teaching and research at the university level. In the first part of the 20th century, Columbia had a remarkable record in the study of organismal biology. The first Nobel Prizes for genetics and zoology went to Columbia professors. But by the late 1950s, the trend within biological research was away from entire organisms and toward the study of molecular and cellular biology. "Examining biological issues at the level of the organism began to wane," says Professor Donald Melnick, one of four faculty forming the core of the new department. "The number of people working on plants and animals was declining, and that happened here." In 1966, the Departments of Botany and Zoology were merged and renamed Department of Biological Sciences, which had the mission of building up molecular and cellular biology.

Field work, such as this Summer 2000 research project along the Paranapnaema River in Brazil, is a central component of the E3B curriculum.

Clockwise from top left: Puja Ahluwalia '03 makes observations in the Mata Atlantica forest; special Continuing Education students Barney Mouat and Rachael Hyde and Ahluwalia check compass readings; CERC students prepare presentations; the CERC team inspects a potential study site.

Organismal biology shifted elsewhere — to museums of natural history, zoos, botanical gardens and other non-academic institutions. Recently, however, heightened concerns about the environment, biodiversity, viable ecosystems, habitat loss and others have rekindled interest in organisms. "There was more demand for these courses, and fewer and fewer people who could teach them," says Melnick. It was "a self-perpetuating problem."

Through Melnick's efforts, in 1995 Columbia joined with four other New York institutions — the American Museum of Natural History, the New York Botanical Garden, the Wildlife Conservation Society (formerly known as the New York Zoological Society; i.e., The Bronx Zoo) , and the Wildlife Trust (formerly known as Wildlife Preservation Trust International) — to form a consortium, the Center for Environmental Research and Conservation. Based at Columbia, CERC's mission, says Melnick, was "creating this next generation of scientists, policy makers and informed citizens who were going to lead to a new way in which we would actually preserve much of our biological heritage." New York's strategic location played a big role: "No other city has this concentration of people doing things around the world," says Melnick.

The activities of CERC, which has a research and training faculty of more than 70 experts from the five institutions, led to the development of bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs at Columbia that now enroll nearly 75 students, including 30 undergraduate majors. Although most of these courses hadn't existed in 1995, by the 2000-2001 academic year, 155 students were enrolled in classes in these fields, of which 85 were undergraduates.

CERC's success in offering undergraduate and graduate-level courses led to the creation of E3B. Although the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences hosted the interdepartmental courses organized by CERC, as the number of students taking these courses grew, so did the rationale for creating a separate department. At Columbia, only departments (not schools) can appoint faculty, so it made sense to have a separate department with faculty dedicated to these fields. In addition, the interdepartmental program had to rely on the goodwill of other departments in administering its programs, which became more difficult as the number of courses and students increased. Finally, the new department

allowed for "the crystallization of a group of people who didn't have a departmental home," says Melnick.

Getting a new department off the ground isn't easy. Melnick notes that the last time Columbia created a department from scratch was in the 1940s. For E3B, the process began with an initial proposal to Cohen, who made suggestions and then sent it along to a University planning committee. The proposal was then circulated among all the chairs of departments and then the executive committee of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. After their approval, it was circulated among the entire faculty, who approved it in September 2000. Cohen then submitted the proposal to Provost Jonathan Cole '64, who brought it before the University Senate's Education Committee, which approved it and sent it to the full Senate for a vote. After Senate approval, it was submitted to University President George Rupp, who brought it before the Board of Trustees for final approval in March 2001. All in all, the approval process took nearly two years.

The new department offers a rigorous program and remarkable opportunities for students. "The extraordinary field and laboratory research opportunities that these students have is really not matched at any other university," boasts Melnick. Among the five CERC partners, there are nearly 700 field sites globally from which students choose. Major students choose to do a research project, which is mentored by a research scientist from one of the five institutions. During the senior year, majors are expected to write their research in required senior theses. Majors also will be expected to take policy-related courses, usually in other departments (economics, law, political science) from a list drawn up by E3B. The hope is that students will learn how to "translate their results" to policy makers and civilians, says Melnick.

E3B began with a core faculty of four including Professors Cords and Melnick, both of whom transferred from the Department of Anthropology (while keeping joint appointments), and three CERC research assistants. In addition, nearly 75 experts from other Columbia departments and CERC partners are eligible to teach courses in the new department. Cords says her first goal is to increase the size of the full-time faculty. She already has won approval to hire three new faculty members. Now that E3B is a full-fledged department, Cords also has begun the process of "thinking about all our programs afresh."

Although E3B is a Columbia department, it benefits from its association with CERC. E3B and CERC share office space in the Schermerhorn Extension and will jointly raise money for new projects, fellowships and internships. E3B remains the degree-granting unit, however, and any adjunct or full-time faculty will be appointed through the department.

The new department should enhance Columbia's position in the biological sciences. "This was an area that the University lost through quirk and history, but has now become extremely important," says Melnick. In the end, E3B became a reality, he says, because of "the energies of a lot of people — and a lot of good will."

To learn more about E3B and CERC, visit their Web site: http://cerc.columbia.edu/.

President Rupp Will Head International Rescue Committee

When he retires as president of Columbia University this summer, George Rupp will become president of the International Rescue Committee, one of the world's leading refugee relief agencies. The IRC has offices in more than 20 cities in the United States and extensive aid operations in more than 30 countries.

Prior to becoming Columbia's president in 1993, Rupp served as president of Rice University in Houston and dean of the Harvard Divinity School. A year ago he advised Columbia's Board of Trustees that he would step down on June 30, 2002, propting speculation as to where he was headed. At the time Rupp said he was keeping his options open, stipulating only that he would not become president of another university.

"The IRC is going from strength to strength," said board co-chairmen Winston Lord and James C. Strickler, in a statement referring to outgoing president Reynold Levy and Rupp. "We and the refugee cause are fortunate to welcome a leader with George Rupp's vision, skills and dedication to humanitarian causes. We are confident that he will build on the strong gains in programming, fundraising and managerial excellence that have been achieved over the last five years under the outstanding leadership of Reynold Levy."

Said Rupp, "I am excited to be joining

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the International Rescue Committee. It is an honor to participate in continuing the IRC's proud tradition of providing aid for refugees and other victims of persecution and conflict. I look forward to working with my new colleagues in this urgent cause."

At Columbia, Rupp has focused on enhancing undergraduate education, on strengthening the relationship of the campus to surrounding communities and New York City as a whole, and on increasing the international orientation of the University. He also completed a financial restructuring, with the result that each of the annual budgets he has submitted has been in balance. Under his leadership, the University achieved record fund raising each year and completed a $2.84 billion campaign.

Founded in 1933 at the request of Albert Einstein, the IRC is among the world's largest nonsectarian, nonprofit agencies providing global emergency relief, rehabilitation, protection and resettlement services for refugees, displaced persons and victims of oppression and violent conflict. It is committed to freedom, human dignity and self-reliance.

A.S.

One-Stop Shopping for Online Course Management

An online course management system launched this spring, CourseWorks@Columbia.edu, allows faculty to publish course syllabi online, regularly update and post online course materials, and even create a course bulletin board, easily and on their own using their desktop computer, without knowing HTML or referring to a Web expert. CourseWorks is intended as a kind of one-stop shop for online course management tools, where faculty have the option to activate applications that suit their needs.

CourseWorks is provided by Academic Information Systems (AcIS) and Columbia Center for New Media Teaching and Learning (CCNMTL), in close coordination with Columbia University Libraries and Health Sciences Center for Academic Information Technology. It is a customization of a software platform originally developed at George Washington University. "We brought improvements to an already good system and also vastly improved the technology that we had before in terms of capabilities and ease of use," said Vace Kundakci, deputy vice president of AcIS.

"The introduction of CourseWorks is like the introduction of the word processor, which freed many faculty from reliance on secretaries for typing and allowed them to focus more energy on the substance of their writing," said Frank Moretti, executive director of CCNMTL. "So, too, will CourseWorks reduce the reliance of faculty on specialists to produce basic Web sites for courses and allow them to direct more energy to the construction of learning modules that make purposeful use of digital media."

When faculty log on, they find a list of their courses and a number of available options. Faculty can publish course information and content; communicate with students via bulletin boards and e-mail lists; maintain digital assets, such as text, slides, video and audio; deliver and receive files, such as readings and assignments; manage group projects and maintain an archive of past courses on their own and with relative ease. Faculty can also link to library reserves and online resources that apply to the course.

"The main feature of CourseWorks that faculty will enjoy is independence. With a bit of creativity, it can be made into a powerful educational tool that students and teachers can use to share ideas and information. Its flexibility can reinforce the intellectual vitality of the learning experience," said Lia Maryam May-Landy, lecturer with the American Language Program.

The new system moves the development of course Web sites into the hands of faculty. Before CourseWorks, when Web sites needed changes or updates, faculty would have to call CCNMTL technologists, who made those adjustments. Similarly, if a faculty member wanted to remove a message from their online bulletin board, they would call AcIS for assistance. Now it is a matter of a few clicks online.

"We expect more Web sites to be developed at Columbia this semester than in any other, because these tools are now so easy to access and can be so helpful to faculty in the day-to-day management of their classes," said Dan Beeby, associate director, CCNMTL.

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Subway Project Offers Ideas for Changes

By Lisa Palladino

How can the three main subway stations that serve Columbia be improved? That was the issue tackled last fall by 16 students from the College, SEAS and Barnard, who participated in a seminar, "The Shape of New York: Transportation and Urban Development," taught by Professor Hilary Ballon, chair of the Department of Art History and Archaeology.

The class culminated in The Subway Project, a collaborative effort among the students, mostly majors in architecture, art history and urban studies, who formed three task forces to examine the subway stations on Broadway at 116th,

Students who participated in The Subway Project, part of a fall seminar on transportation in New York City, presented their research findings on and recommendations for changes to the three subway stations that serve the University to Executive Vice President of Administration Emily Lloyd on November 28. Front row, from left: Sarah Taylor '02, Joshua Lucas-Falk '02, Emma Oppenheim '03 Barnard, Sonja Lee '02 Barnard, Bethany Pappalardo '02, Noam Maggor '02GS and Eugene Sit '02E. Back row, from left: Ryan Wilner '03, Erin Roth '02 Barnard, Sara Rubenstein '02, Kaylan Baban '02, Max Joel '03, Brian Phillips '02 and Noah Brick '03. Not pictured: Ted Gardner '02 and Carolyn Yerkes '02.

125th and 168th Streets. After extensive research into the history of the stations and their current condition, the task forces made recommendations to improve the stations. Under the guidance of Marian Pagano, associate provost, the students designed a survey and collected data from close to 1,500 riders. The survey results informed the students' recommendations concerning lighting, access and circulation, platform conditions and the overall identity of the stations.

On November 28, the students presented their findings and recommendations for improvement to Executive Vice President of Administration Emily Lloyd. Guests at the presentation included Charles O'Byrne '81, first vice president of the Columbia College Alumni Association, and Roger Lehecka '67, chair of the planning committee for the University's 250th anniversary celebration — the event that prompted Ballon to create the project.

When planning the seminar, Ballon wanted to involve the students in a group project — they do enough solo projects, she reasoned — that would produce concrete results for the University. She knew that as part of its anniversary celebration, the University hoped to renovate the subway stations. Ballon approached Lloyd, essentially asking, "What information would be helpful to you?" After getting her answers, Ballon embarked on what she described as one of the best classes she has ever had. She was "dazzled" by the outstanding research and work done by the students, and was particularly proud of their presentations, which included PowerPoint visuals and other graphics that outlined the station's histories, an assessment of their needs and a design study that suggested ways to tie the stations to the University community using visuals within the stations.

Here are examples of the recommendations for each station:

116th Street. 1) To celebrate the historic and distinctive character of Morningside Heights, install signs with information about neighborhood landmarks and educational institutions at entry level of the station. 2) In order to open up a view of the tracks and to reveal the destination of a passenger's journey from the moment that he or she goes underground, remove the wall opposite the ticket booth that extends between the two staircases. 3) Relieve congested conditions on the downtown platform by moving the newspaper stand away from the staircase and by opening a second entrance/exit at 115th Street.

Neither gray skies nor occasional showers could dampen spirits of reunion-goers last year, and Reunion Weekend 2002 promises to be even bigger and better.
PHOTO: EILEEN BARROSO

125th Street. 1) Illuminate the landmark viaduct that supports the elevated track to call attention to the beautiful structure and enhance an important intersection at street level. 2) Highlight the subway's emergence above ground by removing obstacles in the ticket booth and on the platform that block views of the surrounding cityscape.

168th Street. 1) Improve the labyrinthine quality of the station by providing wayfinding signs, especially to the hospital. 2) Improve access and relieve congestion around the elevators by building escalators to the tracks. Currently, elevators provide the sole means of access to the Broadway subway, which is exceptionally deep at this station.

Bethany Pappalardo '02 was drawn to the seminar for several reasons. "It's one of those classes that makes Columbia extraordinary, and that only Columbia can provide," she said. "We live in a fascinating, continually astounding city, and a class like this is an incredible way to take advantage of it and to be aware of it.

"There were a few things that made The Subway Project such a memorable experience," Pappalardo continued. "Working so closely with a group of peers was fantastic and something that we rarely get to do, especially for such a long-term project. Another was the freedom that we were given and the trust that Professor Ballon had in us. It was a rather large undertaking and, although the guidelines were set out for us, it was up to the groups to decide how to use these guidelines to make this project successful."

Kaylan Baban '02 loved the sense of the "real world. Although we learned a lot about the subway system and the city, it was not a strictly academic exercise. Working on a real problem of significant magnitude, with a group of people with complementary skills, through every step of the process, was an incredible experience. At the end, there was such a sense of achievement and satisfaction — and excitement at the thought that our proposals could be implemented."

She added, "As a graduating senior who will likely be facing similar work conditions in a future career, it is a big boost to know that I can work with a group of colleagues to accomplish something like this — and enjoy it!"

Ballon, who called the project "very unusual … a wonderful class," will present Lloyd with a summary report of the students' findings that Lloyd will then be able to pass on to those outside of the University, such as community boards.

CAMPUS BULLETINS

■ REUNION 2002: Alumni from classes ending in 2 and 7 are already getting ready for the College's annual reunion weekend, which will take place from Thursday, May 30 to Sunday, June 2, 2002. Following the successful model of last year's reunion, one of the best attended in memory, this year's reunion weekend will take advantage of New York City culture and nightlife in addition to offering traditional on-campus festivities.

Featured events in the gala weekend

include Broadway shows, a Friday night spectacular at the Hammerstein Ballroom that includes Casino Royale and an alumni dance party, dancing under the stars on Low Plaza, talks by David Denby '65, Professor Kenneth Jackson and Ric Burns '78, and tours of Kykuit, Radio City Music Hall, Central Park, Harlem and the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine as well as the Morningside Heights campus. Of course, there will be many class-specific events as well.

Reunion begins on Thursday night, when reunion-goers can purchase discount tickets (first come, first served) to a selection of Broadway shows; after the performances, the College will host a reception at Sardi's, the famous theater-district restaurant. On Friday, alumni can choose from a series of tours, speeches and presentations during the day, followed by Casino Royale and an alumni dance party at the Hammerstein Ballroom on West 34th Street.

Saturday starts with Dean Austin Quigley addressing alumni and presenting dean's pins at convocation, followed by a day of activities that includes Jackson and Burns, director of *New York: A Documentary Film*, discussing post-September 11 New York City; class panels and discussions; a presentation on college admissions; and jazz, volleyball and a barbeque on South Field and Low Plaza. Individual classes will host receptions, dinners and class photos, with all reunion-goers invited to join in the Starlight Reception on Low Plaza in the evening.

Information on reunion events and registration materials, including registration for on-campus accommodations, were sent to alumni in reunion classes in February. If you are a member of a reunion class and did not receive these materials, please contact the Alumni Office at (212) 870-2288, or e-mail ccreunion@columbia.edu.

For updates on reunion plans, please visit the Alumni Web site: www.college.columbia.edu/alumni.

■ DEAN'S DAY: In a sure sign that it's spring at Columbia, alumni, parents and faculty will gather on the Morningside Heights campus on Saturday, April 13, for Dean's Day. This annual day-long symposium gives participants a chance to experience firsthand a Columbia College education as distinguished faculty present a day of lectures, speeches and discussions.

This year, the Dean's Day talks will center on the themes of religion, the arts and the aftermath of September 11. As of press time, faculty members scheduled to speak include Lisa Anderson, dean of the School of International and Public Affairs; Arnold Aronson, professor of theater arts; Roger Bagnall, professor of classics; Marina Cords, chair of the Department of Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Biology; Donald Davis, professor of economics; Robert Harrist, the Jane and Leo Sergold Professor of Chinese Art History; Archie Rand, professor of visual arts; Paul Richards, the Mellon Professor of Natural Sciences; and Robert Somerville, the Ada Byron Bampton Tremaine Professor of Religion.

Dean's Day registration materials, including a detailed program of events, were mailed in February. If you have not received a packet, please contact Heather Applewhite in the Alumni Office at (212) 870-2757, e-mail hh15@columbia.edu. Information also is available on the College's alumni Web site: www.college.columbia.edu/alumni.

■ ENDOWMENT: Columbia's endowment had a market value of $4.29 billion as of June 30, 2001, according to figures for more than 600 colleges and universities published January 25 in

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Above, from left, Executive Vice President for Administration Emily Lloyd, President George Rupp and Provost Jonathan Cole '64 dig in for a ceremonial scoop of earth at Broadway and 110th Street, the site of the new school and faculty residence. Below, an artist's rendering of the facility that is scheduled to open next year.
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The Chronicle of Higher Education. Columbia, which ranked ninth overall, enjoyed an increase of 0.7 percent in its endowment since June 30, 2000. That bucked the national trend, which saw an average decrease of 3.6 percent during that period — the first decrease in a decade.

Harvard topped the list at $17.95 billion, down 4.7 percent. Yale, at $10.7 billion, was second, followed by Texas, Princeton, Stanford, MIT, California, Emory, Columbia and Texas A&M.

■ GRANTED: The Bert W. Martin Foundation has awarded $800,000 to Biosphere 2 to support college undergraduates interested in attending the center's Earth Semester program. Launched in fall 1996, Earth Semester is a series of studies in earth systems and policy designed to foster an understanding of critical global issues. The program is designed to help students understand the connections among the physical, biological and social components of the environment. Since its inception, more than 1,000 undergraduate students have completed a semester or summer program in Biosphere 2 Center's unique education environment. The Martin Foundation is named for Chicago industrialist and philanthropist Bert W. Martin, who was an early advocate of sustainable forestry practices and also was responsible for implementing reforestation programs to support his lumbering and printing interests.

■ 110TH STREET: Construction has begun on a 12-story building at the southeast corner of Broadway and 110th Street, where the University plans to provide housing for faculty members and create a private school for 650 kindergarten through eighth-grade students.

The size of the building has been reduced from 20 stories, as originally announed 18 months ago. Also, to address concerns that the building might not blend with the neighborhood, the University commissioned a design "that is not egocentric, not trying to jump out," according to **Karen Thomas** of the architectural firm Beyer Binder Belle.

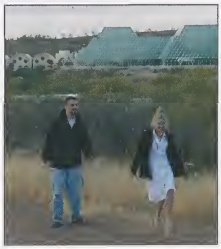
The site was formerly occupied by a two-story commercial building owned by the University that housed a supermarket, a dry cleaner and Mike's Papaya. Tenants for the new building's ground floor are expected to include a supermarket and a bank. With the school occupying the second through sixth floors, the building's top six floors will include 27 three- and four-bedroom apartments for faculty. The total cost of the project is $73 million.

Provost **Jonathan Cole '64** says that about half of the school's 650 students would be children of Columbia faculty members and the other half unaffiliated with the university. Community students will be admitted by lottery and will be eligible for need-based financial aid. Faculty members will receive a discount on tuition and also may apply for financial aid. The residence is scheduled for occupancy in summer 2003, and the school is to open that fall.

■ CORRECTION: **Abigail Franklin**'s new title is senior development officer in the Office of University Development and Alumni Relations, and she is responsible for securing major gifts from College alumni in support of College priorities. Her title was reported incorrectly in the January issue. In addition, she had served as director of the Columbia College Fund since April 1998, not 1988.

STUDENT NEWS

■ BIOSPHERE 2: **Amelia Smith '03**, an environmental biology major, and **Charlie Homans '03**, a religion major, were the latest College students to "graduate" from the Earth Semester program at Biosphere 2 in December. They bring to 72 the number of College students who have attended classes at the 250-acre facility near Tucson, Ariz. since Columbia began managing Biosphere 2 in 1996.



Amelia Smith '03 ***and*** **Charlie Homans '03** ***walk outside the three-acre Biosphere 2 Laboratory, the largest sealed and controlled facility for plant growth and integrated study of earth systems science in the world.***

Seventy-one undergraduates from colleges and universities in the United States and around the world completed the fall semester, raising the total to 1,181 students who have graduated from the Biosphere 2 semester or shorter summer field school programs. The fall class included 64 Earth Semester students and seven Universe Semester graduates. Students in Earth Semester spend the 16-week program exploring the unique laboratory of Biosphere 2, the surrounding Sonoran desert, and global issues such as greenhouse warming and land-use change. Universe Semester students immerse themselves in an intensive astronomy and astrophysics program that takes advantage of southern Arizona's dark skies for observation, using Biosphere 2 Observatory's 24-inch telescope as well as the larger professional telescopes at nearby Kitt Peak National Observatory.

■ MITCHELL: **Sarah Elizabeth Wagner-McCoy '02** has been awarded the prestigious Mitchell Scholarship, which is funded by the U.S.-Ireland Alliance and is named after former U.S. Senator

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Alumni communications are going digital. Now that *CCT* is being published six times per year, *ccalumni@columbia.edu: News from Columbia College*, the newspaper that the College recently published, has been converted into an electronic newsletter of the same name. The electronic version of *ccalumni*, which is sent as a monthly e-mail to College alumni, contains news updates, information on alumni events and links to the College's many online resources. It's a great way to stay in touch in between issues of *CCT*.

If you haven't received *ccalumni* already, it's probably because the College doesn't have your current e-mail address. You can update your contact information, including your e-mail address, at the College's Web site: http://www.college.columbia.edu/alumni/address.html.

George Mitchell, who is known for negotiating a cease fire in Northern Ireland. The scholarship enables 12 students from across the United States to spend a year at an Irish university. In addition to providing tuition, the scholarship awards each recipient an $11,000 stipend. The scholarships are awarded annually to Americans who demonstrate Mitchell's spirit by combining outstanding academic distinction with dedicated community service records and leadership qualities.

Wagner-McCoy began volunteering as an after-school tutor with the East Harlem Tutorial Program when she was 14. While in high school, she founded several volunteer programs, including a chorus that sang for people who were too ill to attend live performances. She tries to teach children to have "imaginative mobility" — the power to imagine their futures — while organizing after-school programs for underprivileged children.

Wagner-McCoy described how her plan to spend next year studying Anglo-Irish literature at the University College in Dublin is connected to her passion for helping children. "I see literature as a way into public service," she said. "The techniques of writing and constructing life are often very helpful when working with children."

As an undergraduate, Wagner-McCoy has worked as a child advocate in the juvenile division of the Legal Society, started an after-school tutoring program for children in Brooklyn and an after-school program that involves tutoring and creative activities for children living at Regents House, a long-term family shelter run by the Volunteers of America.

■ MOURNED: The Columbia community mourns the passing of **Niket Doshi '03** of Monroe, Conn., on December 22, 2001, and extends its sympathies to his family and friends. Doshi, a leader and former president of the tae kwon do team and a drummer in a rock band, The Misgivings, would have turned 21 on December 23. Friends described him as a lively, humorous and devoted friend whose passions included watching movies and helping younger members of the tae kwon do team improve their skills and form.

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ALUMNI BULLETIN

■ PRO BOWL: **Marcellus Wiley '97** was a starting defensive end for the American Conference squad in the February 10 Pro Bowl, the National Football League's postseason all-star game. Wiley, who spent two seasons at Columbia as a reserve running back before being converted to defensive end by coach Ray Tellier, led the San Diego Chargers and was tied for sixth in the NFL with 13 sacks in 2001.

IN MEMORIAM

■ **Wallace Gray**, a professor emeritus of English and comparative literature and a favorite teacher for generations of College students, died on December 21 in Manhattan. He was 74 and lived in Morningside Heights.

Gray taught one of the College's most popular courses, "Eliot, Joyce, Pound," for some 20 years. The course was known as E.J.P. among students, who would line up overnight to register for the chance to hear Gray in his crowded auditorium. It being a somewhat daunting theme, Gray liked to put his audience at ease as he started each new semester. "Let's be frank about this," he was quoted as saying in fall 1985, "I know more about *Ulysses* than anyone else in the world, and I'm going to teach it all to you." That same year, Gray published *From Homer to Joyce* (Macmillan), a collection of 18 of his essays.

Gray, who also taught at Hunter College for several years, joined the Columbia faculty in 1953 as an instructor and rose to full professor in 1974. He took emeritus status in the mid-1990s but continued to teach courses at the College until last year. Gray was the teacher with the longest service in Lit Hum, and during his career he also served as director of freshman composition and assistant dean of students.

He was the recipient of numerous awards and accolades. The Society of Columbia Graduates

Wallace Gray

honored him with its Great Teacher Award, and the student body gave him its Mark Van Doren Award for teaching excellence. In 1997, he was a co-recipient of the Award for Distinguished Service to the Core Curriculum.

Born July 13, 1927, in Alexandria, La., Gray served in the Navy in World War II before graduating from Louisiana College in 1946. He received a master's degree from Louisiana State University in 1951 and a doctorate in English and comparative literature from Columbia in 1958. He had a part in campus theater productions and wrote more than a dozen plays, including *Helen*, which envisioned a 40-year-old Helen of Troy back in Sparta; it opened off-Broadway in 1964. His *Cowboy and the Tiger* was at one time the longest-running musical for children in New York City's history and also was shown on television.

George Stephanopoulos '82, ABC News commentator and former Presidential adviser, spoke for many when he said, "Professor Gray gave me a gift that will — literally — last a lifetime: He taught me how to read literature."

Gray is survived by a brother, Aubrey.

■ **Joseph Kabakow** died on January 11 in Palisades, N.J. at the age of 107. Kabakow served in France during World War I and received that country's highest citation, the Legion of Honor. Following his discharge from the Army, he settled in New York and ran the College Delicatessen, on Amsterdam Avenue across from what was then Livingston (and is now Wallach) Hall, until his retirement in 1961.

Who's Who at the Alumni Office

Whether it's learning about reunion, submitting a class note to *Columbia College Today* or making a gift to the Columbia College Fund, the Office of Alumni Affairs and Development is the first stop for alumni who want to stay connected with alma mater.

From left, Derek Wittner '65, Susan Levin Birnbaum, Ken Catandella, Alex Sachare '71

Every organization needs a place where the buck stops, and in the Alumni Office it's at the desk of **Derek Wittner '65** (daw8@columbia.edu), the executive director of alumni affairs and development. Wittner joined the College administration in 1992 after practicing law in New York for more than 20 years, and was appointed to his current role in 1996. As executive director, he's a member of the College's senior staff (reporting directly to Dean Austin Quigley) and oversees a staff of 30, who administer all aspects of the College's alumni affairs, development and communications efforts. Wittner is supported by administrative assistant **Leslee Fetner** (lsf4@columbia.edu).

Alumni Affairs

Alumni who make it back to campus often do so for specific events — Reunions, Homecoming, the Hamilton and John Jay Dinners and Dean's Day. These and many other programs and alumni activities (both on and off campus) are the responsibility of **Ken Catandella** (kmc103@columbia.edu), director of alumni affairs. Catandella, who previously worked at Sarah Lawrence, had 13 years' experience in alumni relations before joining the Alumni Office in 2000.

Catandella's staff develops a range of alumni activities and programs. Assistant Director **Heather Applewhite** (hh15@columbia.edu), among other duties, coordinates on-campus activities and the John Jay Colloquia and helps support Columbia College Women, while **Adlar García '95** (ag80@columbia.edu) is in his second year as the assistant director in charge of programming for Columbia College Young Alumni.

Two highlights of the College calendar are the Alexander Hamilton Dinner in the fall and the John Jay Dinner in the spring. Coordinating the planning and execution of these black-tie galas is **Shelley Grunfeld** (rg329@columbia.edu), manager of special events.

In addition, the College has added three positions to facilitate alumni contact with the College. **Sharen Ovalles** (so290@columbia.edu) is an assistant director working year-round on reunion planning. Ovalles, who has a B.A. from Fordham, joined the Alumni Office in 2000 and assumed her current role last spring.

Developing programs that bring alumni and students together is the job of **Juliet Carhart** (jc2015@columbia.edu), who works closely with the Office of Student Affairs. A graduate of the College of St. Rose (Albany, N.Y.) , Carhart has worked in the Alumni Office since January 2001 and assumed her current role in October.

With a growing number of alumni outside the New York metropolitan area, **Elaine Mathews** (em2036@columbia.edu) has been hired as assistant director for national outreach. Mathews previously worked in the New York Public Library's Office of Development of Government Affairs.

Supporting Catandella and the alumni affairs staff are **Melissa Kinckle** (mgk2003@columbia.edu) and **Sarah Dolan** (sd2003@columbia.edu).

Alumni may access a calendar of events at www.college.columbia.edu/alumni/events/.

Columbia College Fund

In November, **Susan Levin Birnbaum** (slb2005@columbia.edu) became the director of the Columbia College Fund. Birnbaum, who has extensive experience in all areas of fund raising and management, previously worked at UJA-Federation of New York, where she was a director in the Special and Capital Gifts unit. Birnbaum is supported by **Kathleen LaPenta** (kl2069@columbia.edu).

Birnbaum leads nine fund officers, who have primary responsibility for raising annual gifts for the College, including Associate Director **Rory Finnin** (rf235@columbia.edu), Assistant Directors **Christopher Long** (cl884@columbia.edu), **Erica Wylens** (ew345@columbia.edu) and **Giorgio Zeolla** (gmz3@columbia.edu), and **Susan Rautenberg** (sr2010@columbia.edu), director of the Parents Fund.

Four assistant directors have joined the Columbia College Fund staff since last spring: **Preeti Davidson** (pd102@columbia.edu), **Brandon Doyle** (bd2016@columbia.edu), **Amy Kotulski** (ak2075@columbia.edu) and **Susan Appel** (sa2068@columbia.edu). Davidson, who works with young alumni, is a Barnard graduate (Class of 2000) who previously worked with Four Corners Communications in New York. Doyle was a development officer at his alma mater, Middlebury College, before coming to Columbia. Like their boss, Kotulski and Appel (alumnae of Brandeis and Syracuse, respectively) come to Columbia from UJA-Federation, where they were development executives, Kotulski in the Entertainment, Media and Communications Division and Appel in the Wall Street Division.

Supporting the Fund staff are **Jennifer White** (jw760@columbia.edu), **Jaclyn Kelly** (jk1276@columbia.edu) and **Maria Angeles** (ma2084@columbia.edu).

Alumni can learn more about the College Fund on the Web at www.college.columbia.edu/alumni/giving. Class assignments for fund officers are listed on the Class Pages at the Alumni Office Web site: www.college.columbia.edu/alumni/classpages.

Alumni interested in online giving should go to the link at www.college.columbia.edu/alumni.

Communications

As you probably have noticed, *CCT* now is published bimonthly. This is the most visible improvement to alumni communications implemented by Director of Communications **Alex Sachare '71** (as801@columbia.edu), who has been editor and publisher of *Columbia College Today* for four years.

To make this increased publication schedule possible, the alumni communications staff has added **Lisa Palladino** (lp2033@columbia.edu), associate director and managing editor of *CCT*, and **Laura Butchy** (lbb32@columbia.edu), staff writer and *CCT* Class Notes editor. To expand non-print communications, **Timothy Cross** (tpc3@columbia.edu), associate director, has been given the additional role of director of electronic programs. He will coordinate initiatives to enhance Web offerings for alumni while continuing to write for *CCT*, which may be accessed at www.college.columbia.edu/cct.

Working behind-the-scenes are **Tracey Dai** (td2002@columbia.edu), who as assistant director of reporting keeps track of gifts to the College, and her stewardship and reporting assistant, Keir Littlebird (gk122@columbia.edu). **Nona Russell** (njr1@columbia.edu) is the Alumni Office's manager and budget director, aided by financial assistant **Leslie Carson** (lfb7@columbia.edu). The Alumni Office receptionist is **Frances Stoughton** (fms2@columbia.edu). The Alumni Office may be reached by calling (212) 870-2288 or toll-free at (866) CCALUMNI .

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From Columbia to the Kremlin and the Capital

By Shira J. Boss '93

On air, television news correspondent Claire Shipman '86 comes across as soothing, intelligent and alluringly chic. She is, in fact, the popular Midwestern girl with an Ivy League education wrapped in an unrehearsed charm. Many mornings she can be seen on *Good Morning America*, which she joined last spring as senior national correspondent, a plum position that she earned after a decade in the television trenches.

Shipman debuted as a foreign correspondent for CNN, reporting from Russia during the collapse of the Soviet Union and the end of the Cold War. From there, she spent two terms covering the Clinton White House for CNN and later NBC, topped off by the extended 2000 presidential campaign. In early 2000, she inspired a network bidding war and emerged as one of ABC's showcased reporters.

"She already was a star at NBC, but at ABC, it's official. She has arrived," says Stephanie DeGroote SIPA '88, an ABC News producer in London who was Shipman's graduate school classmate.

Shipman says that she "fell into television" while pursuing Russian studies at Columbia. Once having plunged into the industry, however, she rose quickly, making the most of her opportunities to climb within a dozen years from unpaid intern to television personality earning in the neighborhood of $700,000 annually. She has won an Emmy award and two prestigious DuPont broadcasting awards, first for coverage of the 1989 Tiananmen Square uprising in China and then for coverage of the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing. In 1999, she was honored with Columbia's John Jay Award for professional achievement.

Shipman is one of the most visible female news correspondents, with a reputation for being stylish and articulate. "She's

WHO OWNS NEW YORK? Claire Shipman '86 (far right) and George Stephanopoulos '82 flank Diane Sawyer, Charles Gibson, Emeril Lagasse, Lara Spencer and Joel Siegel as Good Morning America *broadcasts from aboard a Circle Liner.*
PHOTO: ABC NEWS

Claire Shipman '86 has been at the center of news in Moscow and Washington and is now one of the most visible correspondents in television

never a TV bunny, and she's not a Beltway bandit," says Carroll Bogert, former Moscow bureau chief for *Newsweek*, referring to the aggressive Washington, D.C., environment where Shipman works most of the time. "She's serious and credible without seeming out of reach."

Shipman is as genteel off-camera as she appears on. In an inherently competitive industry, she has toed to the top without having clawed over potential rivals. She claims that she does lose her temper on occasion, but few can give eyewitness reports. Mostly, she is adored by her colleagues, producers and sources, not to mention by a host of friends whom she has never left behind.

"Claire is the whole package. She's kind, loyal, beautiful and smart. There's not too much you can criticize," says Lisa Dallos, a friend who met Shipman when the newswoman first interned at CNN's New York bureau as an undergraduate.

Shipman was a semester away from completing her master's at SIPA when she landed a six-month internship working in CNN's Moscow bureau. She couldn't think of a more exciting place to be, in light of her undergraduate studies. There were few signs then that 1989 would be the beginning of the end of the Cold War and that Russia was about to turn into the biggest news story of the last half of the century.

In Moscow, Shipman was taken on as a production assistant and never planned to be in front of the camera. When things got busy, she was offered a paid position as a field producer. "Then it was, 'When the bureau chief is away, can you do some reporting?'" Shipman recalls. One of her first stories was on the opening of the first McDonald's in Moscow. "It was pretty bad from a performance point of view," she says. "The on-air stuff kind of stunned me." In mid-May, Shipman was sent to follow Gorbachev to Beijing just before the Tiananmen Square uprising where she contributed to the network's award-winning coverage.

"Claire is the whole package. She's kind, loyal, beautiful and smart." – Lisa Dallos

She was scheduled to return to SIPA for the fall semester. "She called after a few months and said, 'They've offered me a job, but I want to finish my degree,'" recalls Robin Lewis, associate dean at SIPA. "I said, 'It's a great opportunity. Don't move; we'll place you on leave.'" The calls kept coming every time Shipman got a promotion and the Soviet story got hotter. "It was a fast ascendancy," Lewis notes.

"I kept thinking that I should go home, but after two or three years, it was such a good story," Shipman says. "It was so incredible to watch the end of an era and be in a place that I'd studied for so long and to watch it change. First, the early part with Gorbachev and all the excitement, the great days in '89 when the Berlin Wall came down, and then it getting chaotic with the coup and Yeltsin taking over and people ripping down statues of Lenin."

Shipman says that her five years in Moscow were the biggest event of her career. "The Lewinsky scandal, the impeachment, the election last fall — they were incredible stories to cover," she says. "Especially with the election, people say, 'That must have been the most amazing thing you've ever covered,' and I say, 'No, actually, Moscow was the most amazing.' "

"Communism was falling everywhere, and there was a huge buzz," says DeGroote, who was working for ABC News in Moscow. "It was the epicenter of news for a while and the place to be if you were in journalism."

Shipman's future husband, Jay Carney, was reporting from Moscow for *Time* during that period, although she only met him once, briefly, while there. "There was a real bifurcation there in the press community. There were a lot of older, seasoned journalists who didn't speak Russian, and there was a whole crop of young journalists who were green journalistically but spoke Russian and needed less help to get around," Carney says. "It let us leapfrog up the ladder and end up at a place where there was major news and we worked for major news organizations."

Journalists suddenly had access to sources who had been secluded during the Soviet days. "There was this tremendous charge in having access to people who made decisions," Bogert says. "It had never been true in Soviet history and it didn't last. Journalists today have nothing like the access that we had."

Not all of the action was in the capital. Shipman covered a broad region and was sent to Afghanistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan and the Baltic States, among other places. "We covered everything from conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh — the disputed territory between Armenia and Azerbaijan — to Gorbachev sending tanks into Lithuania to reindeer herders in Siberia," Shipman recalls.

"Shipman was covering events that involved violence and instability and were at times dangerous, and she was very calm and cool under fire," says Lewis.

A highlight was the 1991 coup against Gorbachev. A week before, Shipman had married CNN bureau chief Steve Hurst. During the coup, she had maneuvered herself inside the Russian White House — one of the few Western journalists there — and she reported live by talking by telephone with Hurst. "I was wandering around, talking to senior aides, watching Yeltsin walking back and forth taking calls from Bush and Thatcher and other foreign leaders," Shipman recalls. She got exclusive interviews with Yeltsin right after the coup, then with Yeltsin and Gorbachev at Christmastime, when Gorbachev resigned and Yeltsin took over. Before leaving Russia at the end of 1993, Shipman covered an aborted coup against Yeltsin in the same fashion, from inside the White House while tanks were firing upon it.

While the news stories were sexy, daily living in a country recuperating from nearly 75 years of communism was not. Shipman lived in a relatively comfortable CNN corporate apartment with Hurst, though, which she adorned with Russian antiques and domestic items that she hauled back one suitcase at a time from every trip abroad. Even while working nearly nonstop, she found time to figure out where to get furniture reupholstered or have curtains made in a city with no Yellow Pages and with much worse obstacles. "She knew how to rush around Moscow and get things done Russian-style," says Lewis, who visited Shipman on a few occasions while he was in Moscow.

She covered the Lewinsky scandal and the 2000 Presidential election, but Shipman calls her five years in Moscow during the fall of the Soviet Union the biggest event of her career.
PHOTO: ABC NEWS

Russia also was the beginning of Shipman's reputation for gracious and lively entertaining, her apartment becoming a virtual hospitality suite for ex-pats. "It seems like I was always being fed and watered at their place," DeGroote says. Shipman did this not only in Moscow, but at the couple's rented countryside dacha. "It was a real social hub, like a literati," DeGroote says of the summer house and its guests. "People were coming and going, wine was flowing and there were intense conversations about this and that. High-powered politicians, top-level journalists, filmmakers, young American entrepreneurs — it seemed everyone who was interesting would come through their place at one point."

All the time Shipman was cultivating this new social circle, she maintained one across the Atlantic. At her Moscow wedding, Bogert was struck by how many of her friends from home had made the journey to celebrate the event. "It's easy to let relationships lapse, but she's a gardener. She's keeping plants alive all over the place," she says.

At the end of 1993, after five years in Russia, Shipman returned home. She insisted that CNN give her six months between assignments so that she could return to SIPA and finish her degree, which she did. From the time she was an undergraduate, Shipman has had an affection for Morningside Heights. "There's something about Columbia I really love," she says. "I love the feeling of the buildings on campus and the possibilities of it all and being surrounded by all that excellence all the time. I found it very exciting."

Shipman's route to Columbia was a circuitous one, as she joked when she returned to campus to deliver the Class Day address in 1999. She spent single semesters at Ohio State, UC Berkeley and the University of Michigan before applying to Columbia, coincidentally the first year that it was accepting applications from women. Because she came in as a sophomore, Shipman graduated in 1986, ahead of the first official graduating class that included women.

Although while growing up in Columbus, Ohio, she ran with the popular crowd, by the time Shipman settled at Columbia, she focused on her studies and was not very involved with nonacademic campus life. "I think I spent more time with my professors than with other students," she says. "My husband is always teasing me that I was such a goody two-shoes."

Learning to speak Russian and completing the requirements for that major occupied a good portion of her time. She would steal over to the Harriman Institute for its programs and to watch the Soviet television feed. At that same time, Carney was similarly immersed in Russian studies as an undergraduate at Yale. "It's funny because I came very close to going to Columbia and we would have been there at the same time," he says.

When Shipman relocated to Washington after finishing at SIPA in mid-1994, she encountered Carney again on the White House beat, which he was covering for *Time*. When the two had first met, on Red Square, they did not hit it off, but this time they commiserated about their Russia experiences and became friends. "He was really nice and sweet and helped me break into the beat, so I saw his good side," Shipman says.

Carney went out of his way to help Shipman get acclimated. "Washington journalism is very different than doing a story abroad," Carney says. "It's all about who you know. It's access journalism and much more complicated." In 1996, Shipman separated from Hurst, and Carney embarked on a

Shipman is congratulated by Columbia President George Rupp as she receives the 1999 John Jay Award for distinguished professional achievement.
PHOTO: EILEEN BARROSO

long road to persuading her to go out with him. She gave in, and friends say it was one of the best moves she has made. They were married just after the Ken Starr report to Congress in 1999, and on October 15, 2001, they had their first child, red-haired Hugo James Carney.

The two have never been directly competitive, because even when they were covering the White House, Shipman's day revolved around getting breaking news on television while Carney worked for a weekly news magazine. Now that they're married, she reads his pieces in *Time* religiously, and he sets his alarm clock to watch her on *Good Morning America*. They often speak Russian — at home to keep up their practice and in public for privacy. The couple doesn't avoid bringing work home. "You understand what the other person is going through, but sometimes you end up living your job so much. Because we're doing such similar things, it can be hard to escape," Shipman says. When one of Shipman's sources called her during the night to tell her that Al Gore's runningmate would be Senator Joseph Lieberman, giving Shipman one of her bigger scoops of the campaign, Carney was right next to her but says he never would have thought of using it.

In addition to writing for *Time*, Carney appears regularly as a guest on *CNN Inside Politics*, *The McLaughlin Group*, *The Charlie Rose Show* and *Hardball*. "I'll have feelings of being really proud and a little envious if he has a great story," Shipman says. "But it's always pride first."

Friends say Shipman never forgets anyone's birthday. Even during the crazy pace of last year's campaign trail covering Gore, she would remind her producer of crew members' birthdays and arrange for a cake. "That's how you should treat people, and it's so unexpected in our business," says Dan Erlenborn, the NBC producer who was paired with Shipman during the campaign.

Shipman's affability, as well as her ability to actively cultivate the little people as well as the big shots, undoubtedly enhances her reporting. "When you're out in the field interviewing people, it helps if you can relate to them and not be coming at them from an ivory tower or putting them off," says Andrea Mitchell, chief foreign affairs correspondent for NBC. "Claire really likes people."

Shipman with her husband, Jay Carney, and their son, Hugo James Carney.

Early in last year's presidential campaign, Shipman was able to get an exclusive interview with the Gore family — including the candidate's mother, who rarely does interviews — at the family farm. NBC sent three crews and spent the day there dashing around with Shipman. But it didn't end when the cameras were turned off. "Then the vice president said, 'We're cooking burgers here. Why don't you stay?'" Erlenborn recounts. "We stayed until 11 p.m. I guarantee they wouldn't have done that for Sam Donaldson!"

"It's Claire's nature that got her where she is today," Erlenborn adds. "She's unrelenting, yet so pleasant that people have trouble saying no to her."

Yet as wide as her sources are and as skilled a reporter as she is, Shipman still feels the burn of self-criticism. "You go out to the White House lawn to do your piece and you get in you ear, 'Why is CBS reporting…?' Or you read the paper and wonder, 'Why didn't I have that detail?' It's a lot of second-guessing. I'm confident in what I do, but I'm conscious of the potential to goof it up. I tend to feel that I never have enough time to prepare. I could spend days preparing, which would be a little obsessive, so it's probably good that I'm in the daily business."

Case in point: While Shipman was writing columns for *George* magazine, she would pore over them for days and then ask Carney to edit them, conscious that "print stays around forever compared to television," she says.

"She's a real perfectionist," Carney says. "She's very hard on herself and always wants to do better." After reading the news one morning as the substitute news anchor on *Good Morning America*, she inspects the rerun on the monitor in her dressing room. "I hate watching myself. I'm not a natural ham," she says. "I'd rather just do it and not look at it, but then you don't learn anything."

She is also famously fastidious about her appearance, a preoccupation that goes back to her high school days. She's not a work-out devotee, yet she manages to stay trim despite an insatiable appetite for ice cream. She's known for her jammed closets, and for pulling endless new outfits out of a garment bag on road trips. Her smooth brown hair, doe-like eyes and soft peach complexion are accented by all the right jewelry and makeup, although she won't be seen preening, making her polished appearance seem effortless.

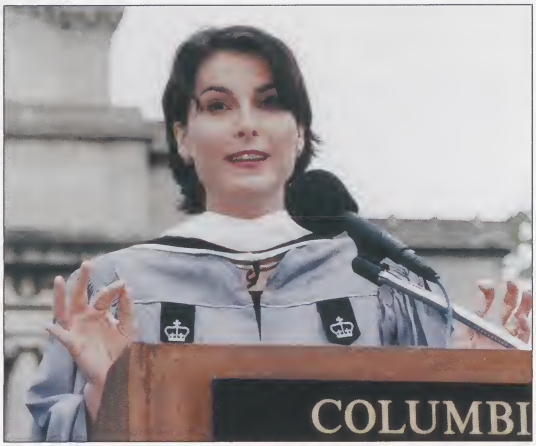
Shipman spent more than six years working for CNN and then for NBC on the White House beat, which is notorious for being physically and mentally grueling. Her day sometimes started at 3 a.m. and she was ready to go live with news by 5 a.m. The press corps spends its days crammed into tiny cubicles in the windowless press room in the West Wing, emerging only to go on camera or to attend briefings in a low-ceilinged room that was an indoor swimming pool before President Nixon had it converted to the "press pool."

"It was hard. I'd never thought about covering politics. At least with Russia, I had studied it," Shipman says. "With the White House, you're expected to be up to date about everything from budget deals to

Social Security to the politics of Iowa to what Milosevic is doing."

The Lewinsky scandal, which dragged on for more than a year, was a low point that Shipman describes as one of her most difficult times as a reporter. "There was a feeling of, 'Are we going out on a brink, and are we ever going to get back?'" she says. "Especially because we weren't hearing from the president anything resembling the truth. The pressure to be first with things or match what other news organizations had — I've never felt that kind of pressure. You would feel a sense of failure if you didn't have what someone else had and yet doubt if it was even true."

"It was very tough for anyone covering it, especially for women," NBC's Andrea Mitchell says. "The subject was so distasteful. It wasn't like covering a foreign policy issue. But she handled it brilliantly." At times Shipman's probing questions irritated Clinton, as when halfway through the scandal she asked if the president planned to help pay the legal bills of those called before the Grand Jury, as he had done for colleagues called to testify about Whitewater.



Shipman spoke of the circuitous route she took, both to Columbia and to prominence on television, at the 1999 Class Day ceremony.
PHOTO: EILEEN BARROSO

Another test of stamina was the marathon Bush-Gore presidential race, the pace of which was exhausting. "With NBC, you have this insatiable beast to satisfy," the producer Erlenborn explains. "Claire would get up at 5 or 4 or sometimes 3 a.m., depending on which coast we were on. Most mornings, [radio talk show host Don] Imus would call, and she'd talk to him from her hotel room while putting on her makeup. We did a live shot for the morning news, then MSNBC would call asking for a 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. shot. Then we had another show on CNBC at 6 p.m., a half-hour before *Nightly News*. A lot of times, they wanted her to do that live, and then it didn't stop with *Nightly*. *The Brian Williams Show* would be calling to do its 9 p.m. show. Sometimes she also did *Geraldo* or *Hardball* — it was a never-ending cycle. A lesser person would have crumbled, but she plowed through it and never complained."

Mitchell says Shipman always kept her sense of humor, even in challenging working conditions at the political conventions. "You're in this boiler room atmosphere in the basement of the convention hall trying to broadcast in the middle of a screaming mob, juggling this crazy technology and the ear pieces and not being able to hear and trying to get your stories out, and Claire was always very collected and immaculate and under control," Mitchell says.

At the end of the campaign tunnel, when Shipman and everyone else had vacations planned and internal timers set to celebrate, came the election night zinger. The timers went off but work was as hectic as ever and vacations were canceled. "Nobody knew how or when it was going to end, or if it was going to end," Erlenborn says. "You could see that Claire was a little more irritable, but I never saw her raise her voice or snap at people. You could just sense not to ask her anything else. That's the extent I've seen any crossness."

One of Shipman's biggest scoops came when she went live and announced — before the official announcement — the Florida Supreme Court decision that ballot recounts could continue. Breaking that story, the Lieberman one and others surely helped Shipman's bargaining position when ABC moved to lure her away from NBC. "I wanted to do something different and NBC was great about trying to find something for me, but they didn't have this exact job," Shipman says.

At ABC, instead of having a regular beat and a regular schedule, Shipman is essentially a roving reporter who pitches stories on whatever she wants, appears live on *Good Morning America* two to three times a week, will do some reports for *This Week* on Sunday and have some anchoring opportunities for the *Good Morning America* newscast and the weekend editions of *World News Tonight*.

In her first months on the job, Shipman got an exclusive interview with President Bush at the time of his decision on stem cell research funding; did extensive profiles on Bush's counselor, Karen Hughes, and Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge, head of the Office of Homeland Security; and put together a long *Nightline* piece on the president's first week following the September 11 terrorist attacks. Shipman also regularly works with political adviser turned television commentator and correspondent George Stephanopoulos '82. The two have teamed up for reports on the gap between the rich and poor in New York City, the stem cell research debate, Vice President Richard Cheney's energy plan and the Patients' Bill of Rights, among others.

While she was happy at NBC, Shipman says her current position is her dream job. "I do mainly what I like to do — a lot of profiles of people, longer pieces. I get intrigued by people and figuring out what makes them tick. It's great because with the morning show, I still get pulled into the daily news. And with the Sunday show, I still get to do my political junkie thing."

"Claire is one of those people who from the first time I met her I knew she was going to do something, and she has," DeGroote says. "And she has done it with grace and style and hasn't pissed anyone off, which in this business is no small feat."

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Bookshelf

Felix Adler: An Ethical Culture by *Howard B. Radest.* An examination of the life and philosophy of the Class of 1870 alumnus and Columbia professor, who is perhaps best remembered as a leader in the ethical culture movement in New York (Peter Lang, $43.95).

Poems From Fire Island Pines and Key West by *Kirby Congdon '50.* A collection of poems that capture the spirit of Long Island's Fire Island in the summer and Florida's famous southern shore in the winter (Cycle Press, $11.50 paper).

Therapeutic Interventions for Children With Parental Alienation Syndrome by *Richard A. Gardner '52.* A textbook for therapists dealing with parental alienation syndrome, a disorder usually flowing from child-custody disputes in which a child wages a campaign of denigration against one parent at the instigation of the other (Creative Therapeutics, $40 paper).

John Dewey and the Challenge of Classroom Practice by *Stephen M. Fishman '58* and *Lucille McCarthy.* This exploration of the famed Columbia professor's pedagogy in a classroom setting includes Fishman's autobiographical reflections on Dewey's influence at Columbia (Teachers College Press, $46 cloth, $20.95 paper).

Reconstructing School Mathematics: Problems With Problems and the Real World by *Stephen I. Brown '60.* A critique of the reform movement in mathematics education, which emphasized problem solving and real world applications at the expense of mathematical reflection and a sense of wonder (Peter Lang, $29.95 paper).

Close to Speech: Poetry by *Eugénio de Andrade,* translation by *Alexis Levitin '63.* This collection was originally published in Portuguese in 1992 and includes a closing note from the poet about his work (Red Dancefloor Press, $14.95 paper).

Blue Sky Practice for Public and Private Limited Offerings, 3 vols., by *Peter Fass* and *Derek A. Wittner '65.* The annual, indispensable guide for lawyers who deal with state and federal laws that regulate the registration and sale of investment securities; co-authored by the College's executive director of alumni affairs and development (Clark Boardman Callaghan, $477 paper).

Messages From the Masters: Tapping into the Power of Love by *Brian Weiss '66.* Through ordinary people the eponymous masters — the hidden, eternal souls that surround us — reveal our awesome potential for fighting anxiety, healing relationships and finding love; from the physician turned guru of past-life regression ($22.95 cloth, $13.95 paper).

Access to Success in the Urban High School: The Middle College Movement by *Harold S. Wechsler '67,* foreword by *William J. Reese.* New York's Middle College High School, founded by CUNY's LaGuardia Community College to integrate at-risk adolescents with college students from similar backgrounds, became one of the most emulated alternative educational endeavors of the last quarter century (Teachers College Press, $39).

Getting It Published: A Guide for Scholars and Anyone Else Serious about Serious Books by *William Germano '72.* An insider's guide to academic publishing as well as a how-to guide for scholars trying to get that first book out the door; from a former editor-in-chief at Columbia University Press (University of Chicago Press, $35 cloth, $15 paper).

Shakespeare and the Poets' War by *James P. Bednarz '73.* A literary detective story, revealing how the Bard's oeuvre was influenced by England's early 17th-century "war of the theaters," when Shakespeare engaged in duels of wit with dramatic upstarts Ben Jonson and John Marsten (Columbia University Press, $49.50 cloth, $19.50 paper).

Love by the Glass: Tasting Notes From a Marriage by *Dorothy J. Gaiter* and *John Brecher '73.* This complex blend of personal memoir and spirited wine advice, from the husband and wife co-authors of *The Wall Street Journal*'s "Tastings" wine column, is designed to appeal to more than just oenophiles (Random House, $24.95).

Phrase Structure: From GB to Minimalism by *Robert A. Chametzky '78.* A linguistic study of the form of natural language syntax and of the shapes that characterize the grammars of natural language (Blackwell Publishers, $72.95 cloth, $32.95 paper).

Imagining Don Giovanni: A Novel by *Anthony Rudel '79.* An imaginative retelling of the origins of Mozart's famous opera, based on a real-life meeting in 1787 between the eccentric composer and an aging Giacomo Casanova (Atlantic Monthly Press, $24).

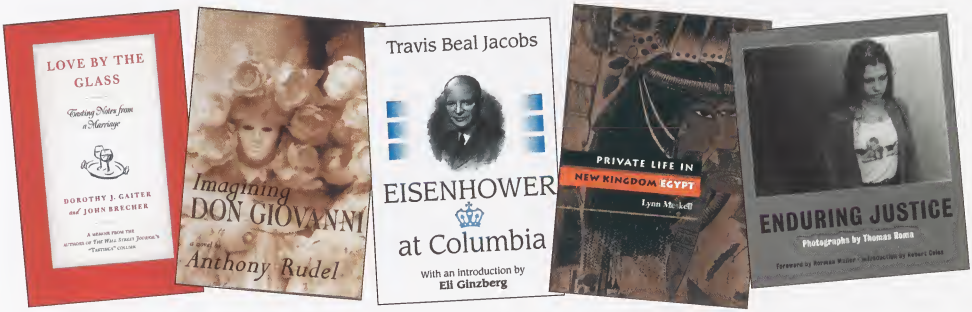
The Digital Dialectic: New Essays on New Media, edited by *Peter Lunenfeld '84.* The possibilities of new technology for visual and media culture are explored through contributions from scholars, artists and entrepreneurs (MIT Press, $32.95 cloth, $17.95 paper).

Utopian Entrepreneur by *Brenda Laurel;* editorial director, *Peter Lunenfeld '84.* A field manual — composed of critical thinking, personal narrative and economic analysis — for those interested in socially conscious business practices (MIT Press, $14.95 paper).

The Museum of Useless Efforts by *Christina Peri Rossi,* translated by *Tobias Hecht '86.* A collection of short story meditations on experiences of everyday life from the Uruguayan poet, novelist and essayist, who has lived in exile in Spain since 1972 (University of Nebraska Press, $15 paper).

Shackling Water: A Novel by *Adam Mansbach '98.* A gifted African-American saxophonist from Massachusetts finds love, his own identity and musical greatness in the jazz and hip-hop music scene of 1990s Manhattan (Doubleday, $22.95).

Literature of the Lost Home: Kobayashi Hideo – Literary Criticism, 1924-1939, edited, translated, and with an introduction by *Paul Anderer,* professor of Japan-



ese. Kobayashi, who died in 1983, was the most influential Japanese critic of the 20th century, and his early writings reveal the origins of literary criticism in modern Japan (Stanford University Press, $46 cloth, $17.95 paper).

The Radical Right, third edition, edited by *Daniel Bell*, with a new introduction by *David Plotke*. Originally published in 1962 to help understand McCarthyism, this collection — which includes contributions from Columbia professors Richard Hofstadter and Alan F. Westin — has applicability to militias and other, more recent rightist phenomena (Transaction Publishing, $29.95 paper).

Decoupling: From Dependence to Independence by *Víctor H. de la Peña*, professor of statistics, and *Evarist Giné*. A statistical textbook outlining the theory and several applications of the decoupling principle, which provides a general approach for handling complex problems involving dependent variables (Springer Verlag, $84.95).

Castes of Mind: Colonialism and the Making of Modern India by *Nicholas B. Dirks*, Frank Boas Professor of History and Anthropology. The Indian caste system was neither all-encompassing nor unchangeably rigid until British colonialists began using it in their governance of the Indian subcontinent (Princeton University Press, $55 cloth, $19.95 paper).

Self-Theories: Their Role in Motivation, Personality and Development by *Carol S. Dweck*, professor of psychology. An innovative study of adaptive and maladaptive cognitive patterns that unlocks how people work — why they sometimes function well while at other times drift into self-defeating and self-destructive behavior (Psychology Press, $19.95 paper).

Eisenhower at Columbia by *Travis Beal Jacobs*, with an introduction by *Eli Ginzberg '31*, director of the Eisenhower Center for the Conservation of Human Resources. The first study of Eisenhower's years at Columbia, which were crucial for his education as a civilian and his rise to the American presidency (Transaction Publishers, $34.95).

Ulysses Unbound: Studies in Rationality, Precommitments, and Constraints by *Jon Elster*, R.K. Merton Professor of Social Sciences. The three essays in this volume explore why humans can reasonably and profitably seek to constrain their behavior along with the behavior of others (Cambridge University Press, $54.95 cloth, $19.95 paper).

Delegating Powers: A Transaction Cost Politics Approach to Policy Making Under Separate Powers by *David Epstein*, associate professor of political science, and *Sharyn O'Halloran*, associate professor of political science and public affairs. A path-breaking study that analyzes the legislature's constraint of executive authority and delegation of authority to the bureaucracy in order to present the first unified theory of national policy making in the United States (Cambridge University Press, $54.95 cloth, $19.95 paper).

Private Life in New Kingdom Egypt by *Lynn Meskell*, associate professor of anthropology. Although pharaohs, mummies and elite culture dominate the literature about ancient Egypt, this stimulating work examines how ordinary Egyptians lived, loved, worked and died (Princeton University Press, $29.95).

Enduring Justice: Photographs by *Thomas Roma*, associate professor of visual arts, foreword by *Norman Mailer*, introduction by *Robert Coles*. This collection of images, taken over 14 months at the Criminal Court Building in Brooklyn, provides a unique perspective on the American criminal justice system (powerHouse Books, $45).

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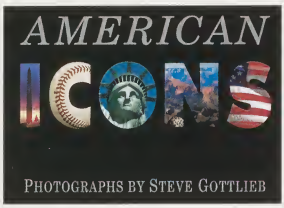
Steve Gottlieb's Life's Work

Many would say that **Steve Gottlieb '68** had it made. After graduation, he went on to the Law School, practicing corporate law for a decade on Wall Street and then in Washington, D.C. He later became director of environment of the U.S. Synthetic Fuels Corporation, a Washington-based government firm.



Steve Gottlieb '68

"It was a good job," Gottlieb says, "but not a life's work."

One day, Gottlieb, an avid amateur photographer, took a collection of his photographs of Washington, D.C., to the owner of a local publishing house, who looked at the photos for just five minutes before agreeing to publish them. Images from that first book, *Washington: Portrait of a City* (1985), are now on permanent display at the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C.

"When the book came out, I decided to quit my job," Gottlieb says. He embarked on a highly successful second career as a commercial photographer, traveling to all 50 states and around the world on assignments. His fans range from noted architect I.M. Pei to corporate clients such as NASDAQ and Pfizer Chemical.

Gottlieb got the idea for his second book, the just-published *American Icons: Photographs*, 10 years ago, though some of the photographs in it go back to his amateur days. The book is a panorama of photographs, taken across 40 states, of the country's most powerful and enduring emblems, ranging from Mom's apple pie to the Grand Canyon to the Statue of Liberty. His first publisher had gone out of business, so Gottlieb had to shop *American Icons* around for several years, accumulating "a hefty rejection file" before he found a publisher willing to take the chance on an expensive book of photographs.

American Icons, which contains three photos of the World Trade Center, was published on September 10, 2001. Reflecting on the terrorist attacks, Gottlieb says that before September 11, he would have said, "The things that icons have in common is their permanence." Now, he says, "We realize that the most iconic and permanent thing can be taken away."

When it comes to his books, Gottlieb, who lives and works in his midtown Manhattan loft, clearly likes to present a unified vision. He not only took all the photos for *American Icons*, but also designed the layout and cover and wrote all the captions and text. Gottlieb takes considerable pride in the highly personalized text that accompanies his photos.

While 16 years separated his first two books, readers will only need to wait a few more months for his third collection, *Abandoned America*. Gottlieb describes this book as "a collection of pictures of abandoned things — cars, trucks, buildings." In many ways, this work, which he also designed and wrote the text for, is closest to his heart, capturing, he says, "things of incredible emotional power" through photographs taken in 42 states. Sleeping Bear Press is scheduled to publish *Abandoned America* in September.

American Icons *is published by Roberts Rhinehart and sells for $40. To see Gottlieb's photographs, or read about any of his books, visit his Web site:* www.gottliebphoto.com.

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A TV star in China, Charlotte MacInnis '02 hopes to work

By Laura Butchy

Charlotte MacInnis '02 may seem like a typical young actress: She has worked in both television and theater, she moved to New York to major in theater, and in the fall she completed her acting thesis, Checkov's *Three Sisters*. But a closer look at her résumé reveals what sets MacInnis apart from other New York actresses (in addition to the fact that she's only months away from receiving an Ivy League degree) — most of her experience has been in Chinese television and theater.

In April 1999, theater major Charlotte MacInnis '02 *returned to China to make a special appearance in the anniversary episode of* Laughing Tea House.

Born in Michigan, MacInnis moved to China with her family when she was 7, when her father returned there to take a new job. While MacInnis' mother grew up just seconds from Alma Mater on 113th Street and Riverside Drive, her father was born in Fuzhou, the capital of the Chinese Fujian Province. His parents, primarily of Scottish and Norwegian descent, had moved there after growing up in the United States. Though MacInnis's parents planned to stay abroad for only a few years, seven years later the family had moved from China to Taiwan and finally settled in Beijing. "I associate myself more with China," MacInnis says of her international upbringing. "It was hard coming back here and having class in English."

Charlotte (right) and her sister, Mika, in costume for a music video they filmed to promote the Chinese opera Dream of the Red Mansion *in 1994.*

Home-schooled until they were 14, Charlotte and her older sister, Mika, took classes in Chinese and were bilingual by the time they entered the International Chinese High School in Beijing. Government-run, the school caters to international students but offers a Chinese curriculum and Chinese instructors. For her senior year, MacInnis transferred to the International School of Beijing, where the American Embassy-run classes were in English.

A coincidence led the MacInnis sisters to begin performing in 1991, when Charlotte was 10 and Mika was 12. Their father's international business conferences frequently included opening and closing variety shows, and bilingual children often served as announcers. In 1991, the girls' father, who met their mother while both were attending Harvard Divinity School, volunteered his daughters, and soon the sisters were popular stage announcers.

Cross-Cultural Exchange

there and in the U.S. after completing her theater degree

Working as an announcer, MacInnis got to know the participating performing arts troupe and enrolled in singing lessons. Through connections at the provincial television station, MacInnis' teacher arranged for the girls to get an invitation to participate in a weekly variety show. Together, they sang Chinese opera and then moved on to folk, pop and rap. They also performed comic dialogues, called "xiang-sheng," on provincial shows, and then nationally on Central China Television.

When the family moved to Beijing, MacInnis was approached by a weekly educational game show to host a segment. By this time, her sister had shifted her focus to studying traditional Chinese music, but MacInnis pursued performing. She accepted the spot on *Zheng Da Zong Yi*, or *Laughing Tea House*, and went on to film more than 100 episodes in three years.

After a family debate about whether she should stay in China for university, MacInnis left *Laughing Tea House* and returned to the United States to attend the school where her grandparents met. "I knew I needed to be in a larger city, and my grandmother earned her psychology Ph.D. from Columbia," MacInnis said of her decision to attend the College. "It was a combination of needing diversity and open-mindedness as well as the Core — my background in the canon of Western Civilization was not good."

As a theater major, MacInnis also cited New York as an attraction. While at Columbia, she has appeared in at least one production every semester, and in November she acted in *Three Sisters* for two weekends to complete her thesis requirement.

"It's a small theater department, but it's nice because there's a lot of individual attention," MacInnis said. "I like that this department is open to what you have to bring. That got me interested in how Chinese performing arts can enhance American performing arts and vice versa."

MacInnis has returned to China during her summer vacations to gain further acting experience. Two summers ago, she filmed a mini-series for national Chinese television that was about 80 percent in Chinese and 20 percent in English. "I played a half-Chinese, half-Caucasian girl named Sophia," MacInnis said with a laugh. "I got to die.

"Last summer I finally got involved in theater [in China]," she added. At the Shaing Hai Dramatic Arts Center, one of two national theaters in Shaing Hai, MacInnis performed Dario Fo's *Ordinary Day* in both languages.

As she looks toward graduation in May, MacInnis hopes to incorporate her varied experience to create a unique niche in the competitive world of acting. "If I stay in America, I'll stay in New York," she said of her career plans. "I would love to do television and theater here and there, aiming for cross-cultural exchange."

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MacInnis gained experience in China last summer when she played Julia in Dario Fo's An Ordinary Day *at the Shaing Hai Dramatic Arts Center.*

MacInnis appeared in the weekly Central China Television show Zheng Da Zong Yi (Laughing Tea House) *for three years.*

Obituaries

1926

Sidney M. Silverstone, M.D., radiotherapist and teacher, Harrison, N.Y., on December 4, 2001. Silverstone was born in Harlem. After graduating from the College, he received his medical degree from the University of Cambridge, England, in 1932. He completed his internship at Mount Sinai in 1936 and trained in radiation physics and therapy at other New York institutions. In World War II, he rose to the rank of major in the Army Medical Corps, serving in North Africa and Europe. Silverstone's association with Mount Sinai Hospital and School of Medicine spanned more than six decades, during which time he lectured at hospitals and medical societies around the world. He came to the school in 1933 to study neuropathology and saw his last patients as an attending radiation oncologist in February 2000. In between, he rose to senior attending radiotherapist and twice served as chief of the department of radiotherapy. When he formally resigned in June, he was the oldest physician on the Mount Sinai staff and also had been professionally linked with it longer than anyone. In 1945, Silverstone offered a postgraduate course in radium therapy, the first organized course on the subject in this country, but radiation therapy soon shifted to safer radioactive isotopes, such as cobalt-60. He was a close associate of another inventive oncologist, Dr. Norman Simon, at Mount Sinai and in the private practice they shared on Fifth Avenue. There, in 1953, Silverstone introduced the first cobalt-60 radiation therapy outside a hospital setting. Earlier, Silverstone became known for developing a technique that allowed doctors to determine how much radiation a patient was receiving. Exact calculations of the proper dosage made adverse reactions less likely. With Simon or by himself, Silverstone achieved a number of other advances in radiotherapy, typically in the area of gynecological oncology. Together they used the so-called Simon Afterloader, a system of treating gynecological cancers with radiation implants. Silverstone is survived by three sons, Alan, David and Harris; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandsons. His wife, Estelle Cohen Silverstone, died in 1999 after 61 years of marriage.

Leon Quat, attorney, Great Neck, N.Y., on April 24, 2000. Quat received his J.D. from the Law School in 1928.

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T. Embury Jones, retired, Cincinnati, on October 3, 2001. Jones was born in upstate New York. After graduation, he earned two more degrees from Columbia, both from the Engineering School: a B.S. in 1929 and an M.E. in 1930. He then moved to Ohio, where he spent 15 years with Federal Machine and Welder before joining Precision Welder and Flexopress as president and treasurer. He retired in 1974. Jones was a trustee and volunteer with Action Housing for Greater Cincinnati, and as treasurer and chairman of the finance committee of the Bethesda Hospital & Deaconess Association, he helped foster needed health and social welfare work in urban Ohio. In addition, he devoted much time to Columbia, serving as president of the Alumni Club of Cincinnati, director of the Alumni Federation, and a member of the College's Board of Visitors as well as the Engineering Council. A generous donor, Jones was a recipient of the Alumni Federation Medal and the Dean's Award. He is survived by his wife, Lee.

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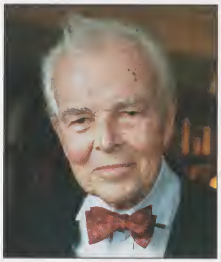
William T. Matthews, retired attorney, Port Washington, N.Y., on November 23, 2001. Matthews was born in Brooklyn on September 14, 1909. After graduation, he went on to receive a degree from the Law School in 1934. During World War II, Matthews received a commission in the U.S. Naval Reserves, and his first tour of duty was at NAS Banana River, Fla., where he taught celestial navigation. Later, Matthews worked with the Navy Contract Termination Program in Washington, D.C. In 1949, he and his family moved to Port Washington. Matthews practiced law for more than 40 years, with much of his time spent at Breed, Abbot and Morgan in Manhattan. His specialty was real estate law. A member of various bar associations, Matthews also enjoyed music, reading and art, and kept up a lively interest in current events. Matthews is survived by his wife of 62 years, Helen; and three grandchildren. His son, William P., and daughter, Margaret T., predeceased him.



Edward O. Downes '33
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Edward O. Downes, musicologist, lecturer, professor and critic, New York City, on December 26, 2001. Downes was best known as the longtime host of the "Texaco Opera Quiz" heard during the live Metropolitan Opera radio broadcasts. The quiz, in which panels of three opera experts answer questions from listeners during intermission, is in its 61st season. Downes was its quizmaster from 1958 to 1996. His mellow baritone voice, laconic manner and avuncular wit made him a beloved radio personality to the millions, from opera buffs to neophytes, who tuned in to the Saturday broadcasts. Downes was born in West Roxbury, a Boston suburb, on August 12, 1911. His father, Olin Downes, who later became the chief music critic of *The New York Times,* was then a critic at *The Boston Post.* Downes began attending operas with his father and by age 9 was an ardent Wagnerite with a passion for *Siegfried* (a five-hour evening). In 1924, the family moved to New York when Olin Downes began working at the *Times.* Without having completed high school, the younger Downes attended the College from 1929–30 and the Manhattan School of Music. During World War II, he served in the Army, at one point helping Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr. prepare briefing books for the Office of Strategic Services, precursor of the Central Intelligence Agency. Later, he studied languages and took courses at universities in Paris and Germany, but never earned an undergraduate degree. "I couldn't see why I needed one," he said. In 1958, he received a Ph.D. in musicology from Harvard. He went on to a peripatetic career in academia, teaching at Wellesley, the Longy School of Music and the University of Minnesota. When his father died in 1955, Downes became a music critic at the *Times,* staying for two years until taking the opera quiz job, which offered the same pay for just 20 weeks of work. Whatever the questions on the quiz, Downes had a way of putting panelists and listeners as ease. When the experts hesitated, he would fill in the silences with teasing hints to the answers. He knew that often the most entertaining chatter came from panelists who were stumped, if he could just encourage them to laugh at themselves. He also gracefully interjected comments, drawing from a wealth of firsthand knowledge. "The sound of his voice made listeners feel he was their friend," said Michael Bronson, who produces the intermission features. "The mail still comes in addressed to Edward." Downes taught music history at Queens College from 1966-83, and for 18 years, starting in 1960, he also wrote program notes for the New York Philharmonic. Downes's 1943 marriage to Mildred Fincke ended in divorce in 1954. He is survived by a sister, Dorothy Williams, and four nieces and nephews.

1934

Robert S. Breitbart, attorney, Oyster Bay, N.Y., on October 11, 2001. Breitbart received his J.D. from the Law School in 1936 and had practiced law since that time. He also was a professor of law and taxation at Pace from 1945–95. Says classmate, roommate and lifelong friend Bernard Bloom '34, "He was the kindest and most decent man I have ever known. Bob was admired and respected by everyone in our class." A student leader who chaired the junior and senior proms with great success, according to Bloom, Breitbart also was president of Phi Sigma Delta fraternity and a devoted fan of Columbia football. He is survived by his wife, Ellen; daughter Carol Furst and her husband, Robert; daughter Barbara Bader and her husband, Gary; and six grandchildren.

Sheldon J. Solomon, dentist, Great Neck, N.Y., April 6, 2000. Solomon received his D.D.S. from the School of Dental and Oral Surgery in 1937.

1936

Anthony Burton, retired accountant, Newtown, Pa., on October 15, 2001. Burton received a master's from the Business School in 1943.

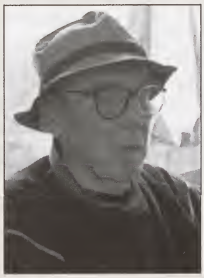
Ed Rice '40:
A tribute by Jim Knight '40

Friends and family buried Ed Rice on August 21 at the little cemetery of St. Andrews, near Sag Harbor. Tom Flynn, our classmate, drove out to Eastern Long Island from New York City for the burial; he and I were pallbearers.

Ed died in the early morning of August 18 at Southampton Hospital of complications from pneumonia and from Parkinson's. I was with him daily during the last week, along with my wife, Pamela; his wonderful housekeeper, Dolly Jagdeo; and his good friend, Mary Cummings, who had written at length about him in the May 2001 issue of *CCT*.

Ed and I were fast friends from the day we met in John Jay in 1938, 63 years ago. He was generous in his friendship, and loyal and supportive. He was the best editor I ever had, at his magazine *Jubilee*, and I've had lots of editors. He published a dozen books, among them the substantial *Captain Sir Francis Richard Burton: The Secret Agent Who Made the Pilgrimage to Mecca, Discovered the Kama Sutra and Brought the Arabian Nights to the West* (Da Capo Press, 1990) after a lifelong passion for the explorer, and *The Man in the Sycamore Tree: The Good Times and Hard Life of Thomas Merton* ['38] (Harcourt, 1985), about his great pal and mine.

After the burial, we gathered with Dolly as hostess in Ed's garden-orchard at Sagaponack for food and stories. The place



Ed Rice '40

came alive with color and spirit. Nearby, in a small grove now overgrown with weeds, is Sag-henge, which, Ed always said, arrived from outer space during one stormy night, but in truth was planted there back-breakingly by Ed — a magnificent piece of sea-soaked and shaped timber from the Atlantic. It was a memorable occasion for all of us.

Parkinson's stopped Ed from typing, writing by hand, painting — all the things he had lived for throughout his life. So to help fill in the gaps, he and I talked at great length on many occasions into a tape recorder, setting down thoughts about Merton, religion, the church, and people and nations. Ed believed in bringing together religions, people and nations, and worked hard at it all his life. Sag-henge is still there as a monument."Goodbye, sport; oh, how I will miss you!"

John C. Dengler Jr., Del Rio, Texas, on September 4, 1998. Dengler was born on January 1, 1912, in Astoria, N.Y. He was the founder and president of Students International Travel Association, which thrived during the Depression's student travel explosion. The travel bug bit Dengler in 1930 upon his first trip to Europe, where he visited relatives in Germany. As part of his student days in Munich, Dengler spent much time with fellow students on "Wanderungen," part of the German educational system, exploring the countryside on foot or bicycle. It was during one of these bicycle trips in 1933 that Dengler conceived of SITA, which he thought would be an ideal way to bring Americans to Europe to learn — through face-to-face interaction with the locals — the customs and language of each country. His credo for SITA was "visual education" (you can remember a face, but can you remember a name?). After graduation, Dengler was completing his doctorate at UCLA when World War II broke out. During the war, he worked in the aircraft business advising government and private industries as a consultant on priorities and price control. After the war, Dengler eventually expanded SITA to 35 offices around the globe. Another venture was his White Sun Guest Ranch in Rancho Mirage, Calif., which was designed to be an all-encompassing leisure spot. The resort housed many Hollywood stars and also served as SITA's world headquarters. Dengler's interests included retractable-keel sailboats, and following the sale of the ranch in 1979, he moved to Texas and opened Inland Marine in Del Rio. He is survived by his wife, the former Helen Dykema, '36 Barnard; daughters Nancy Starbuck, Lori Dengler Lisle, and Lissa Wheeler; sons David, Ian and Mark; and five grandchildren.

1940

Edward Rice, writer/photographer, Sagaponack, N.Y., on August 18, 2001. Rice was born in Brooklyn on October 23, 1918, on his family's kitchen table, or so the story goes, according to a 12-page profile of Rice published in the May 2001 issue of *CCT* (www.college.columbia.edu/cct/may01/may01_feature_rice.html). An adventuresome American writer who wrote a best-selling biography of a 19th-century British explorer, *Captain Sir Francis Richard Burton* (Da Capo Press, 1990), Rice also was a well-traveled photographer who was stoned by peasants in Bangladesh and nearly lost his head (literally) by a shotgun wielded by a maharajah on a peacock hunt in India. Rice traveled through Asia and Africa, writing and doing photographic medical reports for the United Nations. In 1953, he founded a magazine for Catholic laymen, *Jubilee* (he sold it in 1967), and his many writings include books about topics such as the Ganges River, ancient Babylon, Margaret Mead, and a biography of his friend, *The Man in the Sycamore Tree: The Good Times and Hard Life of Thomas Merton* ['38] (Harcourt, 1985). Shortly before his death, an exhibition of Rice's paintings was held at his farmhouse home. His first marriage, to Margery Hawkinson, ended in divorce. His second wife, Susanna Franklin, died in 1993. Rice is survived by his sons, Edward III and Christopher; two grandchildren; brother Donald; and sister Carol McCormack. *(Editor's note: For more, see the accompanying tribute by classmate Jim Knight '40.)*

CORRECTION: *The obituary of* **Don Kursch '40** *that appeared in the November issue of* CCT *incorrectly identified him as class president instead of vice president. Also, his wife's maiden name was Eleanor Bowman, Barnard '40.* CCT *regrets the errors.*

1941

William H. Diederich, architect, New York City, on January 17, 2001. Diederich also received a master's in 1944 from the School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation.

Aldo R. Daniele '42

Sherwood B. Menkes III, professor, Piermont, N.Y., on January 22, 2001. Menkes earned a bachelor's degree from the Engineering School in 1942 and later a master's from the school in 1954. He was a professor of mechanical engineering at City College.

William H. Trenn, retired, Palm Harbor, Fla., on April 8, 2001. He is survived by his daughters, Carol A. Thompson and Nancy S. Eachus.

1942

Aldo R. Daniele, Flushing, N.Y., on April 18, 2001. Following graduation, Daniele entered the Army and served in the Corps of Engineers, where he participated in the Third Army's drive through France and Germany. Upon his discharge in 1945, he returned to work at the business founded by his father in 1912, C. Daniele and Co. He received a degree from the Business School in 1947. Daniele and his brothers, Rudy and Mario, built a thriving grocery and wine importing firm that is still owned by the family. Daniele was a loyal Lion and active member of his class, frequently making calls and writing letters for the Class Directory and giving of his time to round up classmates for Homecomings and Reunions, events for which he also graciously provided wine for classmates and their guests. Daniele is survived by his daughters, Linda Daniele and Anita Modelewski; brother, Mario; and two grandsons. His wife, Clara, died in July 2000.

Francesco M. Cordasco, West New York, N.J., on October 4, 2001. Cordasco was born in West New York, N.J., and lived there all his life. After graduation, he went on to receive his master's and doctoral degrees from NYU. A sociologist who wrote and edited more than 100 books on subjects ranging from bilingual education to 18th-century historical figures, he taught at Montclair State for 26 years. He also taught at NYU, Long Island University, CUNY and the University of Puerto Rico. Cordasco had a life-

Francesco M. Cordasco '42

long passion for Junius, a pseudonym for the British writer of polemics against King George III published in a London newspaper from 1769-72. His passions extended to the education of immigrants in their native languages. A prolific writer, his work includes medical bibliographies and the *Dictionary of American Immigration History* (Scarecrow Press, reprinted 1990). Cordasco's wife, Edna Mae Vaughn, died in 1995. He is survived by his son, Michael; daughter, Carmela; sister, Grace Corbett; brother Jon; and two grandchildren.

Harmon C. Quarles, retired, Santa Fe, N.M., on September 11, 2000. Quarles also received a bachelor's degree from the Engineering School in 1943.

Maxwell "Mac" Warschauer, Malverne, N.Y., on October 7, 2001. Warschauer received a master's from the Business School in 1947. He is survived by his wife, Alice.

1945

Ernest Katz, Jr., Brookfield, Conn., on April 1, 2001. Katz received his M.B.A. from the Business School in 1968.

1947

James D. Kantor, retired, Westport, Conn., on November 2, 2001. Kantor was born in New York City. During World War II, he served with the Eighth Air Force, 453rd Bomb Group, which was based in England and flew missions to Germany in B-24 Liberators. Kantor retired as the owner of Kay Productions, which had offices in New York City and Ridgefield, Conn., and produced educational films for schools. He is survived by his wife, Judy; daughters Victoria Kantor and her husband, Vladimir Ignatov, and Elizabeth Kantor and her husband, Sam Register; brother Thomas; and three grandchildren.

Roy O. Lange, Mountainview, Calif., on April 20, 1999. Lange received his J.D. from the Law School in 1949.

1948

Ernst L. Bendix, retired attorney, Staten Island, N.Y., on August 29, 2000. Bendix was born in Larchmont, N.Y., and served in World War II as a member of the Army's 89th Division. He saw action in the Battle of the Bulge, and was discharged as a sergeant in 1946. Bendix was a 1953 graduate of Fordham Law School and an expert in banking law. He worked for the Fleet Financial Group for 20 years, retiring in 1990 as counsel for Fleet Bank, New York. He later acted as a legal consultant on bankruptcy matters for several Staten Island attorneys. Bendix was active in community affairs on Staten Island, serving on the West Brighton Community Council and on Community Planning Board 2. He served on the vestry of Christ Episcopal Church, also on Staten Island. Bendix is survived by his wife, Martha; daughter, Margo Batha; son, Matthew; sister, Eva Leonard; and three grandchildren.

Norman E. Eliasson, retired, Falls Church, Va., on December 20, 1999. Eliasson also received a degree from the School of International Affairs in 1950.

Dominick A. Valenti, attorney, Bayside, N.Y., on October 23, 2001. Born in 1926 in New York, Valenti served in the Merchant Marines in World War II. He later became a credit manager with Goodrich Tire, where he worked while attending law school at night. He eventually became an attorney at General Law. According to a letter that *CCT* received from Peter A. Arturi M.D. '48, he, Valenti and Joseph Salvatore '48 "met on the basketball court of the old Columbia gym and remained close friends with very close family values from 1944 to the present. We, fortunately, with our wives, attended our 50th Reunion in 1998 and enjoyed a grand time." Valenti is survived by his wife of 53 years, Agnes; sons Stephen and Paul; and six grandchildren.

William A. Vessie M.D., Kalispell, Mont., on December 1, 2001. Vessie received his M.D. from P&S in 1954.

1949

Paul J. Moroz, South Kent, Ct., on December 25, 2001. He is survived by his wife, Norma, and his children.

Stanley D. Olicker, M.D., pediatrician, Williston Park, N.Y., on July 26, 2000. Olicker received his M.D. from P&S in 1953.

1952

Elliot Gottfried, attorney, Delray Beach, Fla., on August 31, 2001. Gottfried also received degrees from the Law School and from the School of International and Public Affairs in 1955.

1961

Frederick S. Plotkin, New York City, on November 24, 2001. Born May 25, 1937, Plotkin grew up on the Lower East Side, where he studied violin and once played at Carnegie Hall. Considered a child prodigy, he was offered a scholarship to Harvard, which he declined because his parents felt he was too young. After attending Stuyvesant High School, he went to France, where he found work as a journalist for a Paris newspaper. After returning to the U.S., he graduated magna cum laude from the College. He remained at Columbia, earned a master's in mathematics and his Ph.D. in literature and history. Plotkin was awarded a Ford Foundation fellowship and a President's Fellowship (1964-66). He taught at the College as well as at SUNY Buffalo and Yeshiva University, where he was director of the Humanities Division. He published several books on the philosophy of religion, including *Faith and Reason: Essays in the Religious and Scientific Imagination* (Philosophical Library, 1970) and *Judaism and Tragic Theology* (Schocken Books, 1973), which won the Best Book in America Philosophy and Religion Award from the American Philosophical Society in 1974 and from the American Library Association the same year. Plotkin also authored *Milton's Inward Jerusalem: "Paradise Lost" and the Ways of Knowing* (Mouton de Gruyter, 1971). For several years, he was a contributor to *Encyclopedia Britannica*, and also for a number of years he wrote book, art and film reviews for a variety of national magazines. In addition, Plotkin was a published poet. In the early 1960s, he was one of three founders of Meridian Books and served as its editor until it was sold. In 1980, Plotkin conceived Comtex Corporation, one of the first companies to put research data online to telecommunications networks. He took the company public in 1981. After his retirement, he continued to write until his death. He is survived by his wife, the former Kathy Lyles; and son from a previous marriage, Avi.

2003

Niket Doshi, Monroe, Conn., on December 22, 2001. Doshi was a leader on the tae kwon do team, serving as its president last year. He also was a drummer in a rock band, The Misgivings, which was a part of Columbia Music Presents. He is survived by his parents, Rashmi and Madhvi, and a brother, Anup.

L.P.

OTHER DEATHS REPORTED

Columbia College Today has learned of the deaths of the following alumni:

1927 **Ira Eisenstein,** rabbi, Silver Spring, Md., on June 28, 2001.

1932 **Frederick C. Gardner,** Palm Beach, Fla., on December 13, 1999.

1933 **George J. Sabrin,** physician, Manhasset, N.Y., on April 6, 2000.

1936 **Herbert L. Jacobson,** retired, Costa Rica, on July 27, 2001;
Robert J. Ollry, Tallahassee, Fla., on December 10, 1996.

1937 **Vincent P. Cieri,** retired consultant, Little Silver, N.J., on February 20, 2000;
Jonas S. Rosenberg, pediatrician, Denver, on August 8, 1997.

1940 **Victor R. Bisceglia,** Merrick, N.Y., on November 23, 2001;
Albert Y.S. Wu, New York City, on May 18, 2000.

1941 **Quentin T. Brown,** Sterling, Va., on August 15, 2001;
Alan L. Goldberg, M.D., retired family practitioner, Boynton Beach, Fla., on January 22, 2001.

1947 **Warren T. Warnecke,** Mamaroneck, N.Y., on July 12, 2000.

1948 **Ray T. Blank,** retired, Port Jefferson, N.Y., on March 31, 2000;
Robert J. Mulligan Sr., retired, Cherry Hill, N.J., on July 12, 2000.

1949 **Bennett P. Lustgarten M.D.,** physician, Burlington, Vt., on October 12, 2001.

1951 **John G. Arbour Sr.,** Fairfield, Ct., on March 26, 2001.

1953 **Peter J. Piecuch,** editor, Bethesda, Md., October 1, 2000.

1956 **Barry J. Tell,** adviser, Annandale, Va., on April 17, 2001.

1968 **Edward J. Yorio,** Hartsdale, N.Y., on March 6, 2001.

1975 **Orlando Ruggeri Jr.,** Westfield, Conn., on May 10, 2000.

Columbia on the Road

Three recent alumni events in Los Angeles, Atlanta and Singapore brought together graduates, current students and several early decision members of the Class of 2006. These events were part of the College's long-term participation plan to engage more alumni throughout the country and internationally.

In Los Angeles, about 200 alumni, students, parents and guests watched Columbia battle UCLA's nationally ranked basketball team on December 27 (the Lions gave the Bruins a scare before losing 55-64). The game was the centerpiece of a weekend that also included a pre-game barbecue on the UCLA campus, a young alumni networking night in nearby Santa Monica and a meeting of the Latino Alumni Association of Columbia University.

Gerald Sherwin '55, president of the CC Alumni Association, was on hand for the weekend, and men's basketball coach Armond Hill greeted fans at the pre-game barbecue.

Two weeks later, on January 12, 2002, The Columbia Club of Atlanta sponsored the first Atlanta Columbia College Day, modeled after the traditional Dean's Day activities on Morningside Heights each spring. About 80 members of the Columbia community were greeted by Dean Austin Quigley and heard talks by Professors Michael Seidel and Virginia Cornish '91, Dean of Student Affairs Chris Colombo and Executive Director of Admissions Eric Furda.

Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Kathryn Wittner made a special presentation geared toward the seven attending Class of 2006 early decision students and their parents. The students were presented with *The Iliad* by Dean Quigley during a reception held in their honor. Incoming students are required to read the first six books of *The Iliad* before arriving on campus, and the translation that the College requires sometimes is difficult to find.

Also attending the Atlanta events were Janet Frankston '95, president of The Columbia Club of Atlanta, and Stuart Berkman '66, who heads the Columbia Alumni Representative Committee in Atlanta and is the past president of the Atlanta club. Both were instrumental in organizing the day's activities. Other events held in Atlanta were a special Friday night dinner for invited guests and a Sunday brunch to thank southeastern region ARC members.

Last June, the Columbia Club of Singapore, at its annual dinner at the Hyatt, hosted a presentation by Derek Wittner '65, executive director of Alumni Affairs and Development, about current issues facing the College. The event was preceded by advising sessions led by Kathryn Wittner for the 18 College and SEAS students from Singapore who entered with the Class of '05, as well as receptions for parents of incoming students hosted by Conrad Lung '72, P'01E, P'04, who accompanied the Wittners on the trip.

The Alumni Office is working to expand its program of national and global events. An informational session was held with alumni in Washington, D.C., in the fall, and another is planned for Boston. Also on the immediate agenda are March and June events in the San Francisco area and Los Angeles.

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Columbians of all ages cheered on the Lions against nationally ranked UCLA at Pauley Pavilion in Los Angeles. A barbecue was held prior to the game, and head basketball coach Armond Hill (middle photo, flanked by Alumni Association President Jerry Sherwin '55 and Associate AD Al Langer) stopped by to greet the fans. At bottom, Kathryn Wittner gives tips to incoming first-year students about making the transition to College life at an alumni event in Singapore last June.

Class Notes

1935

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Gustavo Osorio '28 is still very much alive and living in Barranquilla, Colombia, according to his devoted granddaughter, Victoria. Born in 1905, Gustavo came to the United States to study English in 1923. He earned his degree in geology in 1930, then returned to Colombia and worked in the Nare gold mines in Antoquia for more than 10 years. Unfortunately, given the harsh conditions within the mines as well as the high altitude (more than 10,000 feet above sea level), he was stricken with Paludism seven different times and was forced to leave mining and relocate to Barranquilla, a coastal city in Colombia with a more tropical climate, in 1940. There he founded a company, Osorio y Cia., which represented several U.S. companies with business activity in Colombia, including Alice Challmers, Yale and Volkswagen.

He retired in 1980 and has remained in Barranquilla with his wife. Their three children have given the happy grandfather 10 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. At 96, Gustavo is still active with several hobbies including astronomy, physics, stamp collecting and poetry. He also does crossword puzzles in English, Spanish, Italian, French and German to keep up his fluency and practice his language skills.

Arnold Beichman '34 has spent 20 years as a research fellow at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University, and columnist for *The Washington Times*. Beichman was credited in a November 18, 2001, editorial in *The Washington Times* commending President Bush's proclamation making November 9 — the day the Berlin Wall fell — World Freedom Day. The idea was first proposed by Beichman on that date in 1991. In a column titled, "A holiday for world freedom?" Beichman wrote: "That wall symbolized the Cold War as nothing else did. Suddenly, unexpectedly, on November 9, 1989, the wall came down. The day the wall came down is the day that should be declared an international holiday… Let us remember that this victory came without bloodshed, without marching armies, without loss of life, without nuclear fallout. Unprecedented in modern times, victor and vanquished together have acclaimed the end of the Cold War. Everybody won. Celebrating November 9 each year would be a warning to future tyrants that tyranny, whether military as in Burma or ideological as in China and Cuba, has no future."

Beichman adds that he has created "quite a Columbia family: an ex-wife, son (undergrad), daughter (Ph.D.) and granddaughter (Barnard)."

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1937

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Ed Fischetti, who lives in Manhasset, Long Island, retired in 1990 from his post as chief of the law department of the New York State Supreme Court. He's still active in the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion even though he has some Parkinson's symptoms. He has two children and three grandchildren.

Quentin Anderson retired in 1982 as a professor of English at Columbia but still lives on Claremont Avenue on Morningside Heights. He recently wrote a long article on Henry James, an old specialty. He has two sons.

1938

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Robert (Bob) Friou is still doing pro bono work in Tarrytown for some of his neighbors. Bob, who graduated from Columbia Law, is basking in the light of his composer wife, Elizabeth Bell, who had her work performed at Alice Tully Hall in Lincoln Center and at Christ and St. Stephen's Churches in Manhattan.

Edward (Ed) Menaker writes from Waynesboro, Va., that Betty and he are living in a continuing care retirement community created a few years ago by the rebuilding of a community hospital. He says they are fortunate to be able to live in a one-story townhouse in a facility appropriate for their stage in life but still in the city where they have lived since 1955.

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CCT is sad to report that former '39 class correspondent **Ralph Staiger** passed away in January. An obituary will appear in an upcoming issue of the magazine. In the future, member of the class may send notes to *CCT* at the above address.

1940

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I'm delighted that a few classmates have started using e-mail, in addition to snail mail, to send me assorted comments, newsworthy items about themselves, thoughts on our Class Legacy project and, at times, a thank you for the notes. On September 22, a cryptic e-note arrived: "Appreciate your extensive column. Best. **George Jessop**." Many thanks, George!

Given its arrival date, the printout quickly was buried under my post-9/11 avalanche of paper as, working with our Class Legacy Committee, I tried to make sense of that event. Now that I've unburied myself, George's message reappeared in time for me to reference it here. I would enjoy hearing more from the man behind the note, George, if you're so inclined! In addition, given the pressure from the recently increased *CCT* publication schedule to six issues a year, might you, the reader, be equally inspired to share a piece of your life with us?

I finally caught up with **Charlie Webster**, our peripatetic class president, with a long phone call and follow-up snail mail, after balky e-mail. Excerpts of his long, eloquent note: "Sixty years later, and still studying, but grounded in the Core Curriculum. WWII provided expansion of book learning and the great teachers. We depression kids couldn't afford travel, but if we survived, we saw segments of the real world … After a medical career (in cardiology), my consuming interest is life — origins, from the Big Bang [to] pondering what evolved between Neanderthals and us. As I travel the world, often with University-sponsored tours, I become increasingly aware of the absolute necessity of all aspects of education in a free and legal society. What intrigues me the most is what I learn in Papua New Guinea, Sydney, Beijing, Florida's Everglades, Rome, Malta, Egypt, Cape Town and St. Petersburg, where I take every opportunity to talk with the people, wonderful citizens of the world."

Charlie: L'Chaim, To Life, the wonderful Hebrew toast, so appropriate to your actively lived retirement life, in pursuit of your fascination with life in the broadest possible terms, including your activities at the College and P&S.

Don Kursch's widow, Eleanor, contacted me to request corrections to his *CCT* obituary *[see page 23]*, which appeared in the November 2001 issue. In case any of their many Columbia friends would like to call or write her: After Don's death, she moved from Syosset to a house that Don and she had chosen shortly before, in East Hampton, near their daughter, Virginia. Eleanor also gave me an update on Don Jr.'s distinguished foreign service career. You'll recall that, for our 50th reunion in 1990, Don arranged for their son to fly back for a weekend from his post as U.S. Ambassador (acting) to Hungary. Don Jr. gave us a memorable, ringside view of the fall of the Berlin Wall. Since then, he's had two stints in Brussels: first as deputy chief of mission to the U.S. Ambassador to the EU, then as deputy special coordinator for the SE Europe Stability Pact, which provides an ongoing focus on the Balkans, including making strong efforts at involving private resources to build economic stability in that area.

John "Rip" Ripandelli sent a delightful write-up on a College meeting in Atlanta, "excellent, upbeat and refreshing." I'm taking the liberty, Rip, of quoting part of it verbatim. "There were about 65 present, including new members of the Class of 2006 and some aspirants. I had never paid too much attention to the lapse of time until those youngsters from the new Class of 2006 stood up and I suddenly realized that the spread between us is two-thirds of a century! Ye, gods! Class of 1940 was the oldest class (of one) there!

"Dean Quigley gave a witty and eye-opening talk at the luncheon. I did not know that applications to Columbia have gone up 60 percent in the past six years compared to much lower figures for other Ivy

League colleges. (We must be doing something right.) I managed to sit with the dean after the luncheon for a brief talk. He had mentioned that he is from Northumberland in England. I told him I had been stationed briefly in his neck of the woods during WWII. He asked me where; I said in a small village between Manchester and Liverpool called Cuddington. He said he knew the place. Was it an army camp? I said, no, it was the "park" of a Manor House set up to house five battalions. When the Bulge started, the park was emptied overnight and the troops sent to the front lines in France. The dean started smiling at this. I must have looked puzzled because he said right away that he was smiling because something of the same nature had happened to his father. His father had been with the RAF as a mobile radar specialist (a technician) when the airborne assault in Holland was launched. Since the paratroopers did not know how to handle the mobile radar, the dean's father was bundled into a glider with his equipment, towed over to Holland and dropped there among the front line paratroopers. As we know, Arnhem turned into a disaster for the elite British First Airborne Division. I said to the dean, 'Obviously, your dad did not die since you are here; he must have been made prisoner.' So it was — he spent the rest of the war in a German Stalag.

"We also had a good lecture on what happens in our body's cells through the interaction of DNA to RNA to the protein chains that do the work. The lecture was given by a young professor *[Virginia Cornish '91, assistant professor of chemistry]*, who looks more like a teenager than an honored Columbia professor. She knew her stuff."

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CCT is now on a six-times-a-year publishing schedule and my in box for Class Notes is glaringly empty. There has been one communication, an inquiry from **Jim Goodsell** of Twisp, Wash., regarding the outcome of **Jack Beaudouin**'s 60th anniversary class questionnaire, which he had dutifully filled out and mailed in. The answer, already passed on to Jim but repeated here for any of you with similar curiosity, is as follows. Those questionnaires returned were tabulated by a volunteer group of classmates and their wives, then summarized in narrative form by Jack (in his inimitable style). The final report was then printed by the Alumni Office and distributed to attendees at the 60th reunion. A copy for Jim was provided by the Alumni Office. How many other copies might be similarly available is unknown.

Having wrung the utmost from the material available, and lacking a repertoire of intriguing anecdotes and/or snappy one-liners, it is necessary to close this column once more with the request to P-L-E-A-S-E W-R-I-T-E!

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Information about our upcoming reunion has been sent to you in our newsletter. Additional details, including a few changes, will reach you in a series of mailings. It's great to report that many of you have already committed yourselves to joining the party. Right now, however, we need help. Study the list of Lost Lions in your class directory. If you have information about anyone listed there, send it to me. There are people on that list just waiting for our call.

Joe Funke, who is now retired, headed a family business in Ashley, Pa. Joe recently spent a day with **Vic Zaro**, catching up and remembering past escapades. I'm sure we have all read Joe's newsletter article that connected Pupin Hall in 1938 with the nuclear blast that ended the war in 1945.

Two old wordsmiths, retired journalist **Len Ingalls** and inveterate letter writer **Mel Hershkowitz**, have been exchanging letters and memories of big band jazz in New York as we remember it (both jazz and the city). We'll have some of this music as background at reunion.

Art Graham is president of the Guidance Center, a Westchester County, N.Y. agency that provides diagnostic and treatment services for a range of family problems. Art is active on a number of Columbia committees and, in his spare time, recruits engineering graduates for our reunion.

Here is a most unusual item for Class Notes. Many of us remember Professor of English Joseph Wood Krutch as one of the giants on the Columbia faculty. After his retirement and a new career as a naturalist, Krutch was a founder of the renowned Arizona Desert Museum. A memorial garden on the campus of the University of Arizona, dedicated to Krutch, is now endangered, according to **John Long**, who winters in Tucson. A letter-writing campaign to preserve the garden is under way. Gerry Green, co-executor of Krutch's literary estate, was recruited to join the campaign to preserve the garden at its original location.

I recently had lunch at the Columbia Club with **Dave Harrison, Nick De Vito** and **Bill Carey**. Each of us made the long trek downtown for this and thoroughly enjoyed hours of wide-ranging talk.

And finally, a sad note: Our condolences to Alice Warschauer and family on the passing of our classmate, **Maxwell "Mac" Warschauer**.

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Henry Hecht: The sage and caring bard of Demarest, N.J., reports that our late classmate, tsar **Robert Bleiberg** of *Barron's* weekly, was subject of bio-article in new issue of Townsend Harris High alumni periodical. Scribe **H. Rolf Hecht** himself is a creative sparkplug in his local prose and poetry writers group.

Leonard Koppett: Indefatigable and wise beyond his years, the noted sports writer and historian and his educator wife were preparing for actress-psychologist daughter Kathy's fine February wedding. Dad Koppy is artfully advancing — chapter by chapter — with his saga of life in the press box. Soon to be offered to publishers, buzz is it should be a home run. Could be a touchdown, too.

Dr. **Ira W. Gabrielson**: Noted public health professor and unashamed author of an annual family newsletter that might win a Nobel Prize for candor, goodwill and punctuation, is boasting of a dazzling, nearly year-old California granddaughter, Kate Joyce, and another amazing genetic heiress, 11-year-old Isabella, "the most beautiful granddaughter east of the Sierras." He's working on a dynasty.

Gordon Cotler: Reported by reliable sources to be deftly doting up a storm and a half since arrival of lovely new granddaughter. 2002 also will see several of his short stories illuminate the *Ellery Queen Mystery Magazine*.

Walter Wager: Awaiting April publication by Tor/Forge of his new thriller, *Kelly's People*, and expecting additional news for *CCT* Class Notes. The devious and dilatory will be reported to the IRS and the American Geriatric Association.

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Julian B. Hyman M.D., of Teaneck, N.J., is starting his 10th year of retirement from medical practice and is an officer of the 200-member Print Club of New York. The club commissions an artist to do a print with a copy given to each member. Julian was in Oakland, Calif., visiting his son, Harvey, and enjoying his seventh grandchild, 10-month-old Elliot. The proud grandparents informed me that their oldest son, Steven, is the provost of Harvard after having served five years as the director of The National Institute of Mental Health.

Howard M. Schmertz is the director of the Millrose Games, a tradition-steeped track and field meet that was held in Madison Square Garden on February 1. It's the last of its kind at the Garden — in my track days in high school and college, there was one there almost every Saturday night, with meets such as the New York Athletic Club, the Knights of Columbus, the Amateur Athletic Union and the IC4A college championships as well as the Millrose Games. Those were the glory days of track when Glenn Cunningham, an outstanding miler with an indoor record of 4:04.4 set in 1938, warmed up with an overcoat over his sweatsuit and Cornelius Warmerdam was the first pole vaulter to clear 15 feet indoors — and that was with a bamboo pole. Harold, keep the Millrose Games going as a delightful reminder of what used to be.

It's time to celebrate Columbia's 68th anniversary of the New Year's Day 7-0 football victory over Stanford in the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif., under Coach Lou Little before 3,500 fans. Must have been a much smaller Rose Bowl at that time. The touchdown came as a result of a trick play (I keep wondering why most college coaches today rely on power and speed and seldom use their third weapon of attack, which is deception or the trick play) between 153-pound quarterback Cliff Montgomery '34 and Al Barabas '36, who scored the touchdown. No, dear classmates, that is not living in the past, but is healthy and joyful reminiscing. As a gerontologist with my master's in the subject from Teachers College, I urge you to reminisce often

about the pleasant times in life. It is good for your mental health and ego.

Professor Jacques Barzun '27, historian and author, appeared on C-SPAN on January 5 from Trinity University in San Antonio. The subject was child education. I heard only part of the program, but Barzun seemed to be pleading for getting back to the basics of education without undue emphasis on what could be shortcut educational technology. How many of you had Barzun as a professor?

No honorees this time, but there is an assignment for **Harold Samelson, Joseph Lesser, V. Peter Mastrorocco, Albert Rothman, Lester Rosenthal** (arbitrarily chosen) and any other '45er to send news, if possible, of any kind for the next issue. (Hope I haven't lost any friends with this action, but news is needed to have a '45 column and can only come from the members of our class.) And do realize that we want to hear from you about the things you are doing day-to-day. It need not be spectacular; the mundane things will do.

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I got a great letter from **Paul A. Barenberg**: "There were several of us who came from the 1942 class of DeWitt Clinton High School, including **Dick Heffner, Fred Kavaler, Eugene Bruck,** et al. I wanted to get in touch with Dick, but can't find his e-mail address. Do you have it, or does he read this? If Gene is around, what happened to his oboe and his cynicism? Do you have his address? Unfortunately, Fred is gone.

"My family: Russ is in Nashville and a great guitarist among other things. David is a gastroentyerologist in Connecticut. Lynn is with Boston College Legal Services and heading for Bhutan for a trip. And Mark is on the Columbia Law faculty. I'm married to Nancy since 1949, one of the best and most beautiful women in the world. I'm retired and annoying people."

All your correspondent can say is that he wishes more classmates would annoy him. Fred's e-mail is A3624c@aol.com. I hope that some Clinton classmates will contact him.

I heard once again from **Howard Clifford**, who has wandered to Rotten River, S.D. He is in the Riverside Cabana Business and is waiting for the EPA to clean up the mess. Howard posed a challenge. He wants to know where the following are: **Don Summa, Alex Sahagian-Edwards, Herb Gold** and **Niel Wald**. Contact Howard through your class correspondent. Be back in a couple of months.

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It may not be inevitable, but this issue's '47 Class Notes appear to be a classic case of feast followed by famine. A glance at the January issue shows we achieved a column of about 50 lines, roughly half of that received from the Class of '43 and a good bit less than half of '48's contribution, but respectable nevertheless. Perhaps your correspondent cannot expect another such cornucopia of news from classmates, but an empty letter tray is not a pleasant prospect. So be it, but I plead, don't let it happen again! Need it be mentioned (no, but I'll do so anyway) that our 55th reunion is not far up the road. Give this column some tidbits for the next issue, still prior to our reunion festivities, and save yourselves the task of trying to remember what you wished to report when confronted by your classmates.

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You will notice that the classmates mentioned in these notes are again in alphabetical order based on their surnames; doing so lets me start with those of you who were kind enough to volunteer something nice about the November notes I wrote in verse. (No other correspondents said bad things about the verse; they just ignored it.)

David N. Brainin was "inspired by my rhyming news." After more than 40 years as a practicing attorney, he is now limiting his work almost entirely to arbitration and mediation. David feels that he has much to be thankful for: His wife, Sema, is a professor of education at Hunter College, and five children have given him seven grandchildren. David invites classmates in the metro area to join **Bob Clayton**, Joe Russell ('49) and others at one of their monthly lunches. David can be reached at (212) 391-5200, ext. 14, or at dbrainin@lockerlaw.com.

Charles D. Cole began a letter to me with "more rhyme anytime" and said that because of the verse, he would save the November 2001 issue of *CCT*. Charlie attended Homecoming, where he had a wonderful conversation with President George Rupp, whose enthusiasm for students and business-like attention to business will be missed by Columbia and the College, in particular. Charlie ("Dewey" to his old gang at Columbia) was a teammate and friend of the late **Bill Vessie,** whom he says was always a plucky and determined fellow, but so quiet that few knew of his heroics in the battle for Okinawa. Having also fought on Iwo Jima, Charlie asked for more particulars about the book on World War II veterans that was edited by **Durham Caldwell,** *Remembering World War Two: Ludlow Veterans of the Armed Forces Tell Their Stories in Their Own Words*. Anyone who wants a copy need only send a check for $21.95, made out to Ludlow Historical Commission (the publisher), to Durham Caldwell, 15 Ashland Ave., Springfield, MA 01119. If, before doing so, you want still more particulars, Durham can be reached at http://durhamcaldwell.home.att.net. Charlie is at 130 Autumn Ridge Ln, Ithaca, NY 14850.

Fred W. DeVries ('49, '50E) is not a member of our class, and ordinarily I would have relayed the nice e-mails he sent me to my friend Joe Russell, who writes for the Class of '49, but Joe might not have had the space to reproduce Fred's acrostic poem, which I now presume to share with you (Californianese for "impose on you"):

> **T**ed: Your lines in the November
> **E**dition of *CCT* lit in me an
> ember,
> **D**aring to imitate!
> **M**y response won't hesitate
> **E**ver to congratulate
> **L**ots of us who didn't graduate
> **'N** 1948 DO enjoy
> **E**fforts like yours — this ploy
> **C**an't compete,
> **H**owever it may be complete,
> **U**nder these circumstances.
> **K**eep taking such chances!

Fred wrote that this "unpolished effort that took minimal time" was his first-ever attempt at an acrostic. What he normally does, having retired from DuPont, is to work as a consultant to the gold-mining industry. He gets to some interesting places, usually in the western USA but also in New Zealand, Australia, South Africa and once to Romania. Fred, whose surname is the most common one in The Netherlands, lives in Chadds Ford, Pa., which he says has two claims to fame — it's where Washington almost lost the Revolution at the Battle of Brandywine (reenacted each year, with the Americans losing every time), and its most prominent citizen was painter Andrew Wyeth. He and his wife, Mary, live at 25 Hillendale Rd., Chadds Ford, PA 19317-9345.

By the time you read this, the first of three scheduled jazz piano concerts featuring **Dick Hyman** (January 30), and possibly the second, with George Shearing (March 12), should have been held, but if you want details about the third, "Jazz Improvs on the Classics" (April 27), call the 92nd Street Y at (212) 425-5500.

Robert Rowe kindly prefaced his Christmas newsletter by writing that he was "impressed by my Poesy debut" in November. (I had slipped some bits of verse into earlier notes, but never was the entire column in verse.) Bob and his wife, Alma ("AJ"), became grandparents in August when daughter Kimberly delivered Travis Allen. Also in August, they bought a 2002 Chrysler Concorde, with seats that heat up when the temperature drops into the 30s and rear-view mirrors that turn downward when you drive in reverse. Unfortunately, they have since driven it mostly to medical appointments, as AJ has asthma and Bob has had a series of eye operations to repair a damaged cornea. Earlier, they enjoyed a three-week cruise in the Caribbean on the Amsterdam during her inaugural year. They live at 6226 (a good street number for this palindromic year!) Elmgrove Rd., Spring, TX 77389-5214.

Jean Turgeon sent me an e-mail to confirm that **Arthur Bradley** does indeed try out draft crossword puzzles on him and confessed that he has trouble with some of the jazz clues. Jean and Arthur were neighbors in Hartley Hall in 1947–48, and both took a physical chemistry course with Professor Hammett. Jean studied physics with Professor Von Nardrof, his adviser. Jean became a mathematician and in retirement still goes in to Concordia University three days a week as a volunteer in its math help center. He helps mainly with calculus, to which he was introduced by Professor Siceloff in fall 1946. Jean says that while students have changed, their questions haven't. He lives at 452 Mt. Stephen Ave., Westmount, Quebec H3Y 2X6.

Dr. Peter A. Arturi reported the death on October 23, 2001, of classmate **Dominick A. Valenti**, whom he and classmate **Joseph Salvatore** met in 1944 on the basketball court of the old Columbia gym. The three became and remained close friends. With their wives, they enjoyed the 50th

reunion of our class in 1998. Dominick was born in New York and was in the Merchant Marine during the World War II. While working as a credit manager with Goodrich Tire, he attended law school at night and became an attorney. Dominick leaves behind his wife of 53 years, Agnes; two sons, Stephen and Paul; and six grandchildren.

Bill Vessie died on December 1. I wish now that on September 10 I had sent him a copy of the November 2001 Class Notes that I submitted to *CCT* that day, for the terrorism-delayed published version reached his home too late for him to read. At least his family knows, from the letters those notes led old friends to send, how much he was esteemed and liked by his classmates.

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How many of you saw the heartbreaking story of **Charlie Bauer**'s medical history and present condition, with a recent photo, in *The New York Times* during the week of December 10? It appeared in the daily "Neediest Cases" human interest story, featuring him as one of the many New Yorkers whose needs are often overlooked by public agencies and for whom the *Times* has historically sought money from its readers at Christmas. It would be a wonderful start for the New Year if we were all to reach out to fund meaningful help to one of our own, badly battered by time and fate, today almost totally paralyzed by multiple sclerosis (the onset of which he self-diagnosed as a first-year Harvard medical student). You can help Charlie by contributing directly to *The New York Times* Neediest Cases Fund, P. O. Box 5193, General Post Office, New York, NY 10087, and specifying in an accompanying note that the funds are to be used for his benefit. My contribution, and those of a number of others, have already been sent in; perhaps enough of us together can make a difference.

Though still a judge, **Fred Berman** no longer presides over trials. He was required to give that up four years ago upon turning 70. He now conducts pre-trial hearings in criminal cases and supervises jury selection in civil cases while also serving as an arbitrator for the NASD and as a referee conducting hearings in attorney disciplinary proceedings. His wife maintains that he is busier than ever. The couple has three wonderful grandchildren; one in San Francisco, where their son is an entertainment lawyer engaged in intellectual property law; and two in Elmira, N.Y., where their other son is the general manager of the local NBC television station. Fred's wife is vice-president of a not-for-profit foundation, the Fund for the City of New York, which develops recommendations to city government on ways to improve the quality of life in New York City.

Fred is in touch with **Howie Beldock**, and occasionally runs into other classmates at a Columbia football game or when they come down to court for jury duty. He adds his best wishes for a happy, healthy and safe new year.

Marvin Lipman and his wife, Naomi, spent a fascinating week in Cuba as members of a People-to-People medical delegation. Four endocrinologists and three spouses spent time mostly in Havana, meeting with leading members of the endocrinology section of the Cuban healthcare system; visiting hospitals, labs, clinics, and rehabilitation centers; and exchanging views on a wide range of subjects. The visitors left with profound admiration for the intelligence, expertise, resourcefulness and courage of these professionals. Having benefited from Cuba's system of free universal education, they now contribute to the system of free universal health care. (Which means, of course, that they are employees of the government, making such poverty-level salaries that many physicians are forced to drive taxis or wait on tables to gain access to the U.S. dollar part of the two-tier economic system.) To call their hospital and laboratory resources Spartan is an understatement, but their achievements are all the more impressive in that context.

All of Cuba suffers from the prolonged effects of the U.S. embargo and the loss of Soviet support that followed the collapse of the Soviet Union, so the visitors had been advised to bring contributions of medical supplies and other commodities that we consider basic. They were fortunate to be able to bring a large number of test samples that had been purchased but not used in recent *Consumer Reports* tests of blood-glucose monitoring kits, lancets, test strips and the like, as well as pregnancy test kits — all of which were gratefully accepted by appropriate Cuban institutions. All in all, it was a thoroughly satisfying, non-touristic way of visiting a foreign country. (Incidentally, of the seven delegates, three of the physicians were P&S graduates, and three of the women —

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including one of the P&S physicians — were Barnard alumnae.) As regards comments on the Cuban public health efforts, I recommend an article in the December '01 issue of *The Washington Monthly* lamenting the sad state of public health in the United States.

At the end of May 2001, **Chet Nedwidek** retired from the North Carolina Department of Transportation. As the assistant director of the Geographic Information Systems Unit, Chet was responsible for creating and controlling the unit budget and was instrumental in developing and installing an innovative pay scale system that drastically reduced the turnover of mapping section personnel. He also monitored the creation of the digital maps depicting the state-maintained road system (78,000 miles) and the maintenance of records covering the creation, maintenance and performance of the road system. A good-sized crowd turned out to see him on his way. Said Chet: "I suspect that some folks came to the luncheon to make sure that I was really going!"Since retiring, he has been mainly turning wooden bowls, platters and so forth, creating about three garbage bags of wood shavings a week. Once in awhile, people pay good money for some of his pieces!

Chet adds that his oldest son, Chet III, is much better known than he. The owner and operator of a successful auto repair shop, he frequently appears on an unrehearsed TV show, *Don't Panic, Call the Mechanic!* during which he diagnoses engine problems as they are called in.

We lament the untimely death on Christmas morning of **Paul Moroz**, a graduate of Stuyvesant H.S. and a Pulitzer Scholar at the College. Paul, a man of infinite but gentle wit, and your reporter became close friends as undergraduates. When I vacated my Livingston Hall room in December '47 to get married, Paul was welcomed as my successor for the balance of the term. In recent years, he had served the public interest as a riverkeeper of the Housatonic River in the Connecticut town of South Kent, where he and his wife, Norma, lived for many years. *Ave atque vale*, dear friend, and sincerest condolences to Norma and to Paul's children.

To close, another reminder — **John Weaver** is trying to create a directory of e-mail addresses of the members of our class. Some of you already have responded to him. Will those who haven't please do so at wudchpr@aol.com so that we can all be in better communication? Thanks for your cooperation.

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Lester Chace, not yet ready to put aside his paint brushes, continues unabated in his career as a portrait artist. Les, who in his career has been commissioned to paint some of the most prominent of the rich and famous and their families, continues to be a magnet for news media attention in his home state of Illinois. Most recently, in a biographical study of Les and his work, the *Peoria Journal* pointed to the lifelike quality of his portraits. Several of Les's works are included in Columbia's art collection.

Frank Gill is directing the United States-Mexico Law Institute, a not-for-profit organization devoted to improving the understanding of the U.S. and Mexican legal systems by attorneys, judges and scholars in the two countries. Frank would be happy to send to any interested alumnus a brochure for the institute's next annual meeting, which will be held in September in Santa Fe, N.M. He is also teaching, at the University of New Mexico School of Law, the law of the North American Free Trade Agreement and International Litigation and Arbitration.

Eugene Gottfried is "quietly enjoying" his retirement with some traveling, hobbies and community activities in Orinda, Calif.

Dick Hukari reports the arrival of his sixth grandchild. Speaking of which, no one so far has claimed to have equaled **Ari Roussos**'s total of nine grandkiddies. Let's hear from you if you have more.

The Columbia Alumni Federation conducts a program known as Columbia Alumni Volunteers, the purpose of which is to make available to first-year foreign graduate students at Columbia a friendly person on whom they can call for assistance with any aspect of their lives in New York, be it the language, the customs or job-hunting. **Ralph Italie** is participating in the program and is coordinating the CAV effort with the International Students and Scholars Office, which provides basic logistical support for foreign students. An upcoming issue of *Columbia* magazine will carry a feature article about CAV and Ralph's role in it. Be on the lookout for it; some of you may be interested in participating.

Jim Ospenson and his wife, Emily, have relocated from "right coast to left coast." They left New Jersey and are now residents of Laguna Niguel, Calif.

Should we, more than 50 years after college and the reading list of the Core Curriculum, be reading Harry Potter? Yes, according to **Al Schmitt**, who reports having read *Harry Potter and The Sorcerer's Stone*. He recommends it as required reading for all grandparents. Thanks for the tip, Al.

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B. James Lowe, retired rear admiral, U.S. Naval Reserves, sent a letter following the 50th reunion. "As a consequence of the reunion and the guys talking, a decision was made to initiate a campaign for reinstitution of the NROTC at the College. As I indicated to you that evening of our reunion, a lot of our cadre deeply resented the eviction of the NROTC from the campus. None of us took any exception to the students expressing their First Amendment rights regarding the Vietnam War. We did not resent the University's craven capitulation to the rioters and those who occupied Hamilton Hall, Havemeyer and their violent disruption of the campus. We believe the University had an obligation to not only maintain discipline and order but also a responsibility to see that a reasonable dialogue took place on the issues of the time."

There will be a meeting of the Class of 1951 immediately following the Dean's Day noon luncheon on April 13. Jim's letter will be an agenda item. In the meantime, please feel free to contact Jim directly at (505) 293-5392 or at JLoweABQ@aol.com to express your sentiments. You also may also send comments to your class secretary for inclusion in the agenda.

The photo of the freshman baseball team that appeared in the reunion yearbook created some nostalgia. **Alfred Byra** commented, "As team members, we shared similar experiences and it helped me to grow into the College community, because I learned that I wasn't the only one who was a little scared and unsure." Team members are invited to e-mail Al at a.byra@worldnet.att.net.

A correction to the Class Directory (in the back of the reunion yearbook): The apartment number for **Marty Katz** is 2205 and not 4953. His e-mail is Torero1465@cs.com. Also, the correct address for **J. Tom Easter** is 312 6th St., Winona Lake, IN 46590. The Warsaw location is incorrect.

George Keller, a former editor of *Columbia College Today*, for which he received the Sibley Award for education magazine editing, continues to consult with 8–10 universities a year and writes articles, reviews and books. His wife, Jane, is a professor at the University of Baltimore, and their son is a College graduate.

Hal White is recovering from some post-reunion surgery in Jackson, Miss., and is feeling much better. **Stan Schachter**, your secretary's CIA in action, keeps in touch with **Bob Silver**. Bob is holding his own despite some health difficulties. Did you know that when Bob was inducted into Tau Epsilon fraternity he was the first grandson of a member? His wife, Margery, '53 Barnard, is co-author of *Living to 100: Lessons in Living to Your Maximum Potential at Any Age* (Basic Books, 2000). We should all read that book! By the way, when he can get away from his law practice, Stan commutes during the winter to Boca Raton, Fla. Why doesn't an attorney ever retire?

John Handley has a busy California schedule. November through March is when the Alumni Representative Committee interviews high school seniors. He could use some interviewers for Ventura/Oxnard, San Luis Obispo and the Santa Ynez Valley. Any volunteers? The Handley family winters in the High Sierra at Monmouth Lakes as ski hosts. More than a million skiers visited last winter. John still teaches investment strategy at Santa Barbara City College, Adult Education Division. Here are John's recommendations for 2002: Study the Friday editions of *Investor's Business Daily*, don't overlook Value Line and follow O'Neil's 8 percent rule!

Several classmates reminded your notes editor that we are beginning to celebrate 50th wedding anniversaries. **Roland Kuniholm** and his wife, Althea, celebrated in December. They are inveterate Scrabble players, playing a game most every night. Ron is working for the National Wildlife Federation in Reston, Va., swims regularly and is attempting to learn the mysteries of **Ben Hogan**'s famous golf swing.

Did anybody hear that **Mickey Winick** became a grandfather for the first time? Did anybody notice the big smile on **George Prozan**'s face in the reunion yearbook? E-mail George at geobp@att.net to get the answer. **Immanuel Wallerstein**, a senior research scholar at Yale, gave the Charles R. Lawrence II Memorial Lecture at Brooklyn College in December on "America and the World: The Twin Towers as Metaphor." Until March, he was at the Netherlands Institute of Advanced Study. Last summer, **Donald Holden**'s watercolor *Yel-*

lowstone Fire LV won the Clara Obrig prize at the 176th Annual Exhibition of the National Academy of Design. The academy is the nation's leading honorary organization of artists and architects.

Last fall, at the University of Nebraska-Omaha, **Peter Suzuki** gave a presentation, "The Resistance Movement at Leiden University During the Nazi Occupation of Holland." The presentation was made at the 22nd Annual European Studies Conference. Peter's most recent publication is *Stranger in a Strange Land: A Non-Indian Administrator Working on an Indian Reservation*. **Alan Wagner** also has succumbed to the mysticism of the education world. He will be teaching two classes in early 2002 at the Learning Annex, one on writing for television and films and the other on opera. His company, Boardwalk Entertainment, is readying a theatrical film for production next spring, *Magnificat*. Peter Bogdanovich is the producer and Richard Harris the star.

Your notes editor is pleased to announce that **Nis Petersen** has agreed to become an assistant editor. With six issues a year now scheduled by the ambitious *CCT* staff, this additional editorial help from Nis is greatly appreciated. Please continue to send us information for publication.

In closing, let's all remember this message from **Tom Withycome** and his lovely wife, Kathy:

If there is right in the soul,
there will be beauty in the person;
If there is beauty in the person,
there will be harmony in the home;
If there is harmony in the home,
there will be order in the nation;
If there is order in the nation,
there will be peace in the world.

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In November, **Eric Javits** was unanimously confirmed by the Senate to serve as ambassador to the conference on disarmament in Geneva. He hopes that his experience negotiating as an international lawyer will be useful in this new assignment. He and his wife, Margaretha, have given up their New York apartment and will live in Geneva for the duration of his appointment. They will eventually make Palm Beach their permanent residence. Eric sends his apologies in case his duties prevent him from attending our 50th reunion in May. (If you would like to contact Eric in Geneva, let me know and I will pass along the information.)

Arch Ingerman and wife, Rosalie, are celebrating 25 years of "wedded togetherness." Their daughter, Michele, and son-in-law, Callum, have given them a fourth grandchild, Alison. Callum was a middle-distance track champion at Boston University, recruited from New Zealand.

You should have received the information about our 50th reunion, which we will celebrate on campus May 30-June 2. The plans for the weekend include a variety of events that should be of interest to diverse tastes. If you have any questions, please contact me. You may also direct inquiries to Heather Applewhite at the Alumni Office: (212) 870-2757 or hh15@columbia.edu. I hope to see you all in May!

My Three Sons, Dot-Com Style

Probably the last thing that members of the Class of 1951 expected to hear at their golden reunion last June was that one of their classmates was toiling away at a dot-com. But that's what **John Cervieri '51** is doing. After decades as a real estate investor and adviser, including time as an asset manager of real estate for Columbia's endowment, Cervieri came out of semi-retirement in 1999 to head up Distance Learning Inc. (www.dli.com), a company that provides English as a Second Language classes online.

"They said, 'Wow, when all of us are thinking about retirement, you're going into the new technology,'" Cervieri recalls his classmates saying at reunion. Then, as Columbians do, they shared insights that Cervieri might find useful for his company.

In the Flatiron district of New York City, in a Spartan but airy office space sliced up into work stations — a typical nest for a dot-com — Cervieri has worked alongside his three sons: Stephen, a Brown grad who followed in his father's footsteps to Harvard Business School; Peter, a Brown grad who will redeem himself by attending Columbia Business School in the fall; and **Michael '94**, who left the company to attend the Journalism School, where he will graduate in May.

The elder Cervieri became involved with the company in 1998 as an investor. Frustrated with its slow growth, he took over as chairman and CEO the following year.

"When John came on, he realized the company was headed for the dot-com trap: a lot of free stuff, and when your capital runs out, you're bankrupt," Stephen says. The company has since grown to 25 employees and is preparing to go after its first round of institutional investment.

John Cervieri '51 ***(right) with his son,*** **Michael '94.** ***Two other sons, Stephen and Peter, also have been involved with DLI.***

Michael started at the company in 1999 for what he thought was going to be a few months. That turned into two years before he left to pursue graduate studies. At DLI, creatively inclined Michael was director of Web design and development, whereas more business-oriented Stephen and Peter work in sales and marketing.

After graduating from the College, Michael headed to South and Central America for a year to travel, learn Spanish, teach English and gain inspiration for creative writing. When he got back, he worked as an editor at an adventure travel start-up magazine, *Blue*, and then freelanced before joining DLI.

"I was fascinated by multimedia," he says. "I had an inner geek, and I'd always played around with computers, but I had never worked in the industry."

DLI focuses on providing online ESL programs to existing communities such as brick-and-mortar language schools, community colleges, businesses and governments rather than targeting individuals who want to learn or polish their English. John Cervieri's main responsibility is mapping the business strategy of the company, but he also is involved in tactical decisions, such as the company now leaning toward developing software and technology rather than acting as a coursework provider.

DLI has worked with teachers and techies to develop course content with neat features such as an audio dictionary and a digital proofreader, an aspect of teacher interaction, message boards, job listings and immigration information. "We create communities, so if you come here, it's not just an online course," John says. DLI formed relationships with institutions such as Boston Language Institute, advertising agency Ogilvy Mather, the New York Immigrant Association and Columbia's commercial venture, Fathom.com, where it offers a business English course.

Regarding what it was like to work with family at the office, Michael says: "It was surprisingly good. My father is much more business- and bottom-line oriented, and I'm more on the creative side of things. We had a professional relationship at the office, and then out of the office it was father-son again."

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George Lowry: In the last issue of *Columbia College Today*, I included the following from George: "Dear Lew: I've been to several Cornell reunions (with my wife), and they were successful because her class

was involved in the planning, rather than leaving it up to the Alumni Office. Since we have a big one coming up in 18 months, I think its high time we got involved. I'd like to form a reunion committee that would work out the details, get involved with promotion and fund raising and make sure we're not stuck at Faculty House with a speaker not of our choosing.

"My questions to you are 1) What do you think of the idea? 2) Will you join the committee? and 3) Can you suggest other people to join?

"My e-mail at home is lowrys@aol.com."

A number of classmates responded to George's appeal, including **Dale Horowitz, Joel Danziger, Rolon Reed, Bill Frosch** and **Julie Ross**.

Please, please, please let George know that you are willing to help organize the best 50th reunion any class has ever had. Join the committee. Our goal is to have every living member of the class attend.

On a personal note, George told me that his older son, Nicholas, who had taken over as president of the Swann Galleries, appeared on the cover of the January 2002 issue of *Art & Antiques*. The story was about sons and daughters who are replacing their "aging" parents in various companies.

Glenn Riggs: Glenn retired from Union Carbide in 1996. His daughter is a vet and his son is a chemical engineer. He and Monica have four grandkids. Glenn is thoroughly enjoying golf and playing the piano. They live in Redding, Conn.

Hal Abrams: Hal and Carol, who have been married for 27 years, have a daughter who is a junior at Providence College. What a great way to stay young! After graduating from medical school, Hal spent 10 years in the Army doing surgical internships and residencies in Texas, Georgia, Germany and New Jersey. Since 1968, he has been in private practice doing general surgery. His office is in Fairfield, Conn. In addition, Hal is a professor of surgery at Yale. He has three daughters and three grandkids. He has no thought of retiring, and thoroughly enjoys his work.

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Two of our classmates have indicated activities that involve full participation in the world in which we live. **Hank Buchwald** reports from the University of Minnesota that he will be fully active in the operating room, research and teaching until July 2003. He also was honored as the first recipient of the Wangensteen Chair, which was named for the founder of the university's surgery department. Many of our classmates will remember Hank's presentation at our reunion and he, happily, is looking forward to our 50th. I hope that **Dick Wall** also will be with us at our 50th. In the meantime, Dick and his wife, Joyce, received a call from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to serve for two years in Ghana, West Africa. They have been asked to help establish a new Missionary Training Center that will cover Africa. Dick and Joyce moved on February 3. Their address is POUCH, Elder and Sister Richard Wall, Africa West Area Office, P.O. Box 30150, Salt Lake City, UT 84130. I hope that Dick will share his experiences with us at our 50th as well as during his stay in Africa.

I know that I have written before about the satisfaction I have received through interviewing high school and prep school seniors for Columbia. Six outstanding young people from San Diego have been admitted under the early decision program (about 150 have applied for regular decision). Last month, there was a Columbia alumni reception prior to the Columbia-San Diego State basketball game. We invited these young people and, despite our loss (our team acquitted itself very well), a great time was had by many of our alums, including several early '50s grads. I highly recommend your involvement. In spite of the usual aches and pains, it really didn't make me feel older. Please be well, keep in touch and plan to be at our 50th.

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It is almost springtime in the Northeast region. One can hope the temperature gets a little warmer so that the many layers of clothing can be shed and we can all be free from that encumbrance. As usual, there is much happening on campus, especially with the senior class planning its big farewell dinner and choosing its speaker for Class Day, only two months in the future. The other classes also are involved in activities, big and small, in what one might call "bonding" rituals.

In the last column, it was reported that early decision applications were even with last year's numbers. Not so! EDs are up five percent and account for about 49 percent of the Class of 2006.

You might not believe this, but eyewitnesses report that Dean Austin Quigley had a role in the student-produced show, *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*. He played Wally Womper, singing and dancing to the delight of the audience in Lerner Hall. Could you see Dean McKnight performing in a musical? Is there a Varsity Show in the dean's future?

Work is progressing apace on the new faculty residence and school on 110th Street and Broadway *(see page 9)*. The estimated completion date is mid-2003. While all this is going on, our president-to-be, Lee Bollinger '71L, has been getting to know people, places and things, on and off-campus. He has been doing things with great alacrity.

Although we had a relatively small class, our classmates are and have been doing a lot since graduation. **Lew Sternfels**, who was at the Columbia-UCLA basketball game in December, is a practicing patent attorney in Los Angeles. **Gary Berry**, who also was at the event, retired from his medical duties and lives in Westlake Village, Calif. The old Gilbert & Sullivan performer could probably show the dean a step or two (or maybe not). Up in Sacramento, we found **Bob Fairbanks**, who is president of Capital Audio Access. Did you know that Bob was a key member of the Columbia Ski Club while he was an undergrad?

Staying on the West Coast, **Stan Lubman** reports from UC Berkeley that he teaches Chinese law part-time and is a visiting scholar at the Center for Law and Society, where the director is our beloved **Harry Scheiber**. Stan has been making gifts via a foundation to augment the resources of P.S. 94 in the Bronx. He is looking for other graduates of that school to help in his effort. The next time we get to San Francisco, we will look up **Tom Morton**. Tom is no longer in the law business. He has retired and is enjoying himself quite a bit. **Jeff Broido** was espied at the Columbia-San Diego State game in San Diego. He looked exceptionally well with all that long-distance running and exercising.

As we amble across the country, we found New Hampshire's **Herb Vore** living in Colorado Springs. Herb is a retired exploration supervisor for Chevron. He would like to see his classmates if they pass through his area. **Thor Koszman** also is retired, from Exxon Chemical as an engineering associate. He and his family live in Montgomery, Texas. Another '55er lives and works in the Lone Star state — **Howard Sussman** has his practice in Houston. You guys in the Southwest should know that the basketball team will be playing in the Sun Bowl Tournament in El Paso around holiday time in December 2002. More information to come later this year.

Our track stalwart, **Ted Baker**, is teaching way north at Kennebunk High School in Maine. He doesn't get down to New York City much any more. We heard from **Don Schappert**: "Please tell my friend **Tom Brennan** that I am alive and well in Rhode Island in the summer and Florida in the winter." He had been trying to track down **George Raitt** (St. Michaels, Md.) and may have succeeded. Another retiree, living in Newton Centre, Mass., is **Sandy Autor**. The Brooklyn native was a psychologist for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Did you wonder about **Jim Silver**? Well, Jim is a pastor for the Poquanock Community Church in the town of the same name in Connecticut. As for **Frank Tilley**, the good doctor is practicing at the Harlem Hospital Center. Frank and his family live happily in New Rochelle. We may see him at the 50th.

Living in Pennsylvania and working as a professor of physiology at Penn is former fencer (along with **Ferdie Setaro** and All-American **Barry Pariser**) **Mort Civan**. Mort is too busy having a good time to retire. On Long Island, **Richard Reichler** is vice president and deputy general counsel at the MarketSpan Corp. in Hicksville. **Joe Savino** is relatively close by, living in Manhasset and practicing medicine in Brooklyn. We heard from **Bernie Schwartz** further out on the island, in Southampton. He tells us he will be coming to the 50th and is available for other events any place, any time. We'll see what we can do, Bernie.

Dave Befeler has been living and practicing medicine in Westfield, N.J., for quite a while. His son is a first year at the College. We're not sure whether he will follow his father's career path. In Manhattan, **Steve Viederman** has become an adviser on many issues relevant to the environment. Steve's traveling has not slowed down a bit.

Gentle souls of the wondrous Class of '55, keep your spirits soaring; renew old acquaintances; get the pulse moving; remember that roughage — but most of all … just be you.

Love to all! Everywhere!

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These *CCT* communications are getting more frequent (6x per year now) and you outgoing, independent, iconoclastic guys are not doing your job of feeding relevant or irrelevant info to yours truly — it's shape-up time. Spoke to **Danny** (the flesh) **Link** and Elinor (spelled correctly), who are going strong, and this is a woman I approve of, not that anyone cares. Spoke to **Larry** (the reliable) **Gitten**, and he and Vera are into their mutual retirement and enjoying their new housing arrangement. The aforementioned joined myself and Janet for a Columbia basketball game the weekend of February 8. Hopefully, I will have been more of a positive influence than I managed at Homecoming and the Harvard game. But really, the basketball games are great fun. If I can find **Steve** (the peripatetic shadow) **Easton** again — we had dinner recently in between his and Elke's various and many trips around the country and world — maybe they will join us. Steve and Elke also are doing quite well. These women really have a difficult job shaping us men up, and when mentioned to my Janet, she concurred.

Got an interesting note from our man in Chicago, **Phil Shapiro**, who, with his sons, represented dear old Columbia at the UCLA–Columbia basketball game in Los Angeles on December 27. To prove he was actually there, not that Phil's veracity has ever been questioned by a living soul, he sent me not only several news clippings concurring that Columbia gave a highly ranked UCLA team a very good game and a real scare, but one of his ticket stubs, which I shall cherish. Phil, one of our reunion committee members and with his wife, Carole, a staunch Columbia supporter, also is teaching part-time managerial finance and project management at the DeVry Institute. I hope his stocks are rising, and maybe we should exchange opinions about the emotional, incomprehensible stock market.

Otherwise, all is well in this boat — all except my request for calls at (212) 712-2369 or faxes at (212) 875-0955 to keep me up-to-date is unheeded to a significant degree. Don't get Alan upset!

So here's wishing you all health, happiness, wealth, a great retirement, loving children and wonderful, extraordinary grandchildren.

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On December 12, 11 of our classmates gathered at the home of **Ed Weinstein** for a reunion meeting and holiday reception. Attending were **Pete Anker, Joe Diamond, Marty Fisher, Steve Fybish, Alvin Kass, Dave Kinne, Bob Klipstein, Ronald Kushner, Bob Lipsyte, Carlos Muñoz** and **Tony Vlahides.** This was by far the largest gathering of our class reunion committee. It indicates the building enthusiasm for our upcoming Reunion Weekend. We discussed our programming efforts and settled on the topic for a panel: Our Second Awkward Age. This will be a discussion of our present and future outlook as many of us enter or contemplate retirement; **Bob Lipsyte** will lead a panel of '57ers. A group of our Glee Clubbers will entertain us at one of our events; **Paul Zola,** who couldn't attend the meeting, came up with this suggestion and will be contacting '57 Glee Club members about participating. Most of all, we will celebrate each other, as we did at the December 12 reception.

Based on the enthusiasm at the reception and comments from others, we believe that this may turn out to be the largest 45th gathering in Columbia's history — certainly our class's largest. By the time you read this, you should have received information about the reunion and even the official reunion package. A word to the wise — you need to act fast to get the best theater tickets. And because of the expected large turnout, we are rethinking our restaurant locations to accommodate the group. Please get your reservation in early to help us plan.

Peter Anker is fully retired and living in Connecticut. **Steve Fybish** continues to teach first-graders in the NYC public schools as a supplementary resource in the program to reduce the student/teacher ratio.

Rabbi **Alvin Kass** gave the invocation at the January 4 swearing-in ceremony of Ray Kelly as New York's 41st police commissioner. Alvin is the senior chaplain of the NYPD and has known Kelly since his service as NYC's 37th police commissioner. A picture of Alvin behind the commissioner appeared in *The New York Times* on January 5.

Bob Klipstein is about to begin a new phase of his career, heading the estate and trust department at Hertzfield & Rubin. After years of working in midtown, Bob will be located on Wall Street. Best of luck, Bob!

George Leibowitz retired at the end of 2001 from his position of CFO of Star Gas Partners, L.P., a NYSE-listed company selling heating oil and propane. He has relocated to Boca Raton, Fla.; he would welcome a call from any classmate visiting the area. He will try to attend our 45th reunion.

Mark Stanton ventured into the Big Apple for one of his rare appearances. The occasion was dinner at The Terrace with Sandra and **Ed Weinstein.** Mark enjoyed brunch with the Weinsteins at their home the following morning. For the second time in six months, Ed and Sandra are grandparents. Hannah Grace Lederman arrived in San Francisco the evening of December 15, her father's birthday. She is the daughter of Ilene S. Weinstein '87 and Marcos Lederman.

Tony Vlahides lives in Montclair, N.J., and continues his work in international marketing. Tony decided a few years ago that he did not enjoy working in a large organization. These days, he works out of his home with a partner in Italy. He enjoys being in the NYC area except in winter; many years of living in Puerto Rico apparently thinned his blood.

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Congratulations to **Russ Ellis** on his election as a Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, the organization's highest level. Russ is chief engineer at United Technologies in San Jose, Calif.

Class stamp expert **Chuck Swenson**'s latest book is *An Introduction to Japanese Philatelic Terms.* It received awards at JAPEX '01 in Tokyo and from Japanese philatelic publications.

Our recent announcement of several retirements prompted **Marty Abrams** to report on his. He has given up his family practice in Cresskill, N.J., and moved to the Catskills. Marty retains one connection to medicine by performing FAA physicals for all classes of pilots. To visit Marty, just fly in to Wurtsboro airport and cough …

The Class of '58 was well-represented in a recent full-page ad in *The New York Times.* Sponsored by George Soros's Open Society Institute, the ad was entitled, "Time to speak up for American values: We register our profound disagreement with the attorney general's extraordinary statement challenging the patriotism of those who have raised questions about some of the administration's anti-terrorism measures" and was signed by **David Rothman** and **Mort Halperin,** among others. Dave has been on the board of the group's New York office for many years, and Mort is now the director of its Washington, D.C., office.

Dave was about to leave for Phoenix, where **Joel Karliner** was being inducted as president of the Association of University Cardiologists; Joel had invited Dave to be a guest speaker. Joel is professor of medicine at UC San Francisco and the associate chief of medicine for research at the San Francisco VA Medical Center. Dave, who is professor of social medicine at P&S, gave a lecture on a hot topic: "Amazing Forms: The Risks and Benefits of Genetic Enhancements."

Here's our reminder about the class lunch that **Scott Shukat** hosts on the second Tuesday of every month in the grill room of the Princeton/Columbia Club, 15 West 43rd St. ($31 per person). You can let Scott know if you plan to attend up to the day before by phone at (212) 582-7614; by fax at (212) 315-3752; or by e-mail at scott@shukat.com.

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Where are your cards and letters? Send us something. Do it now! Otherwise, you'll forget, like we do. Says **Bennett Miller,** "If I don't talk to Ed every month, I have to ask my wife for his last name, especially where all the consonants go! Send notes to Ed at the above address or to me at miller_bennett@yahoo.com, a new e-mail address. The old e-mail still works but I'm trying to get everything in one mailbox to minimize the list of things I have to remember. If you are like me, you can't remember any more passwords, ID numbers, dial-up numbers, account numbers, the name of your banker, your broker, your wife's birthday, kids' birthdays, but you always remember your grandchildrens', right? So, just sit down now and e-mail us something."

Jerome Charyn, who has been writing mostly fiction since our days in the College, teaches film theory and the art of crime fiction at the American University of Paris. He has published 35 books, including *Hurricane Lady* (Warner Books/Mysterious Press, 2001) and *Sizzling Chops and Devilish Spins: Ping-Pong and the Art of Staying Alive* (Four Walls Eight Windows, 2001). St. Martin's will be publishing *Bronx Boy,* the third volume of

Volleying With Jerome Charyn '59, *Pongiste*

After teaching writing and film for many years and authoring more than 30 books, **Jerome Charyn '59** has combined his literary and leisure pursuits with a book about ping-pong, *Sizzling Chops & Devilish Spins: Ping-Pong and the Art of Staying Alive* (Four Walls Eight Windows, 2001).

Despite modern-day visions of a hollow white ball being batted around in rec rooms and dorm basements, ping-pong — or table tennis, as it is more formally known — was once a thriving sport in the United States and still, Charyn explains, has an underground following of devotees. Charyn, who divides his time between New York and Paris, is ranked in the top 10 percent of French *pongistes*.

Jerome Charyn '59

CCT: How did you get going in ping-pong?
Charyn: I played as a kid, and then, in the '60s and '70s, I played at Marty Reisman's club on Riverside Drive at 96th Street. It was very popular. Bobby Fischer played there, and Dustin Hoffman and Kurt Vonnegut. But I didn't have a trainer, and you can't really learn how to play without a trainer.

CCT: What's the attraction of ping-pong?
Charyn: It's like an addiction. If you play and play well, there's nothing like it in the world. You need total concentration or you can't play. And you fall into a rhythm. It's incredibly restful, even as you grow tired.

CCT: Where does one play ping-pong now?
Charyn: Every university has a club, including Columbia. It's the second most popular sport in China, and in Asia it's as popular as baseball or football are here. But there are only 7,000 registered players in the United States — there are more registered players in France. In France, I play on a team and work with a trainer two or three times a week. [In New York, the only venue used exclusively for ping-pong is the Manhattan Table Tennis Club on Broadway at 100th Street, were classes and tournaments are held. Enthusiasts also play at pool halls that have ping-pong tables.]

CCT: How has the game changed from its heyday?
Charyn: In the '30s and '40s, there was league play and intercity play. Tournaments were held in Madison Square Garden — that's how popular it was. It was a novelty sport. Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire were ping-pong players, although they weren't trained. A club called Lawrence's, on Broadway and 53rd Street, was the capital of the sport. That's where all of the champs played. It was like having an Olympic team all in one spot.

Then, in the '50s, the game changed when the sponge racquet came in. The American players didn't enjoy it. It was a combination of that and television. Television killed it, just as it killed vaudeville and killed all of the novelty sports. People stayed home.

The game you see in most basements is not how the game is really played. Among trained players, it's all about the serve. The new racquet is so scientific, it's so dependent on technology and structure. I have a special racquet, a sponge racquet with pimples on the outside. It has two sides — one for offense and one for defense — and I picked the skins for the faces. It's very hard to control and very hard to play against. It works like a catapult and sends your missiles back to you. If you tried to play with my racquet, you probably wouldn't be able to hit the ball.

CCT: Is ping-pong underground?
Charyn: Yes, it's akin to the chess culture. It has its own exotica. Among serious players, it's a beloved game.

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his memoirs, in July. Jerry's memoirs are worth reading. He lives in Paris and New York and can be reached at his home page, www.jeromecharyn.com. *[Editor's note: For more on Jerry, see above.]*

Fred Lorber is alive and well on the West Coast. "I have a management consulting/fundraising business in San Francisco and a home in Stockton (where your asparagus, tomatoes, etc., come from). Before heading west, I worked for Columbia at the medical center for about four years. Joining the swells for black tie dinners at Low was an accomplishment. Occasionally, I see **Howie Mencher** and **Mike Zimmerman**, who has had a distinguished academic career in SF. But, my real vocation is teaching spinning (indoor cycling) in SF and the East Bay." Fred would be delighted to hear from old friends and classmates at lobo13428@aol.com.

Josh Fierer writes, "I have not been in touch with many of our classmates since **Mike Gang** died almost 20 years ago. He was a close friend, and I miss him. I see **Joel Ruskin** at meetings, as we are infectious diseases specialists. I also was in touch with **Bob Nozick** *[before he passed away in January]*. Otherwise, not many connections. [My wife and I] moved to La Jolla in 1969 and have been here since. I was hired by UCSD as an assistant professor and now am a full professor and head of the division of infectious diseases in the department of medicine. I have been very busy lately working with local public health officials and the medical society on bioterrorism. This is not something I ever wanted to do, but we are under attack and I want to do what I can. I did spend two years at CDC, so I have some epidemiology training as well as my clinical expertise. For the past 15 years, I have been doing research on a fungal infection that is endemic in the southwestern U.S., coccidioidomycosis. It is one of those nearly-impossible-to-spell, constructed medical words that names a common disease here but one that was exotic on the East Coast. Just another reminder of the difference between East and West. Norma Damashek, '60 Barnard, and I have been married 41 years. We have three grown children; our eldest, Daniel, now lives in NYC on Morningside Heights and is an AIDS doctor at Mt. Sinai. Our middle child, Adam, is a surgeon at Tri-City hospital just north of San Diego. He rowed on the UC Davis crew, and I enjoyed watching them race here on Mission Bay. Not much resemblance to the Harlem River course. Our daughter is the only one who is married, and she is an architect working in Detroit. Norma is a retired city planner and active in the League of Women Voters. I spend most of my time working. I love what I do and do not plan to retire as long as I am well."

And **Billy Greenburg**, another West Coaster, has this to say: "After 17 years in the newspaper business, I launched a small consulting business from my home in San Bernardino, Calif. I do public affairs work and small political campaigns. I interview high school kids for the College and the Engineering School. You haven't lived until you have negotiated the computer network of the undergraduate Admissions Office. My Mary, who has put up with me for a long time, is a Tennessee Vol, whom I met when I was working for the Nashville *Tennessean* in the late '60s. Our oldest daughter, Miriam, lives just outside of Boston. Her kid sister, Esther, lives in the Santa Cruz, Calif., area. There are two tough grandsons — big and strong, and smart (of course) — who will make great 'light blue' Lions. I belong to the Columbia Alumni Association of Southern California and attend a number of its activities. Over the years, I have stayed in touch with Linda and **Gene Appel; Jay Neugeboren**, my old roommate; **Larry Marks**; and **David McNutt**, who rowed on the 150 crew with me. He is now the chief health officer for Santa Cruz County, Calif. When we visit our daughter and her family, we visit with Dave and his wife. I don't know what the odds are for some-

thing like this, but the Santa Cruz County health officer a few years before Dave was Ira Lubel '57, who was the Columbia crew manager. Ira still lives in the Santa Cruz area. If the state of public health in Santa Cruz County is failing, it's the fault of the Columbia crew. My e-mail address is wcgofna@earthlink.net or wcg16@columbia.edu. All the best for the new year to everyone."

Mike Zimmerman writes, "I'm going on early retirement at San Francisco State at the end of the spring semester, which means I'll be teaching half of my usual number of classes for five years. It's a kind of silver handshake. I've been teaching English at State since l968. (Is that possible?) Before that, I taught in the English department at UC Berkeley from 1963–68, with a Fulbright in Japan to liven things up. (I'm still exchanging New Year's cards with Japanese colleagues.) I'm also practicing psychoanalysis. I graduated from the San Francisco Psychoanalytic Institute some years ago, after the institute decided to offer full training to non-MDs. The course work was almost as stimulating as Columbia's; the training analysis and supervised work with patients just as enriching as Chiappe's Shakespeare class. The synergies between teaching literature, especially James Joyce and modern American literature, and doing analytic work, are very enlivening. My second youngest, Noah, was with Lily and me for a week. He flew in from Budapest where he's spending his junior year abroad. (The University of San Francisco has an intriguing program there.) My oldest, Naomi, is here from London, with her husband and 3½-year-old twins. As Lionel Trilling put it, what a mitzvah! Or was it Moses Hadas? Come to think of it, it was Mark Van Doren. Best to you and all the other 59ers in 2002."

Gene Appel reports from Oregon that the year ended with the birth of his second grandchild, Jacob Christopher, on December 11. Gene's wife, Linda Knowlton, retired after 21 years as a librarian. Gene retired in August 1999 from Portland's engineering office only to be talked back into part-time work with a construction management firm last February as its vice president of engineering. In between, he volunteers as assistant coach for his local high school football and wrestling coach. The kids constantly want him to get on the mat with them, but Gene insists its not worth risking dislocating his artificial hip or herniated disk . The Appels are looking forward to 2002 when their daughter, Heather, will be married in early March; Linda will try to publish her poetry; and Gene will lose 40 pounds (he has already lost 12 since December — good start!). Lastly, Gene sends out an invitation to all to visit Oregon. "The snow is deep in the mountains, skiing is great, the trails in the woods are green, the oceans are capped in white waves, whales abound and hay stacks stand sturdy. We are truly blessed to be alive and willing to share our good fortune with our friends." Thanks, Gene. We will take you up on it.

Pat Mullins reports from his home in Bumpass, Va. (pronounced the same way it's spelled) that he has just finished serving a one-year term as district governor of Rotary in Virginia. The highlight of his year was traveling to South Africa to secure two $25,000 grants from Rotary International to fund a therapeutic riding program for disabled children in Pietersburg, South Africa, and to build a daycare center for 154 disabled children in a South African village. Pat will become national president of the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association in November. Prior to moving to Lake Anna, Pat and his wife, Jackie, lived in Fairfax County, Virginia, for 30 years. While in Fairfax, he served three terms as chair of the Fairfax Republican Committee, the largest Republican committee in the United States. He was frequently quoted in *The Washington Post*, which once referred to him as "The Republican Prince of Darkness" (knowing Pat, he loved it!), *The Washington Times* and was widely covered by Washington, D.C., TV. Pat works with Markel Insurance, where he designs insurance programs for horse-related associations. He and Jackie have four children and two grandchildren. Pat says if you are ever in Bumpass, give him a call. He is the only Pat Mullins in the Bumpass phone book.

So, friends, that's news from the coasts. How 'bout them Midwesterners and Southerners? Where are you?

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In a meditation on the Maine woods, Henry David Thoreau wrote: "Talk of mysteries! Think of our life in nature — daily to be shown matter, to come in contact with it — rocks, trees, wind on our cheeks! The solid earth! The actual world! The common sense! Contact! Contact! Who are we? Where are we?"

Well, for those of us whose souls find no tranquility unless surrounded by caverns of brick, soaring steel columns, shimmering glass towers, the solidity and warmth of concrete under foot, the raging, raucous tempo of cities and the ready availability of an actual bagel, we think we know who we are, we're fairly certain that we know where we are (unless we've gotten off at a wrong stop in a less familiar borough), and Maine is indeed a mystery. But not for **David Farmer**. David, having made his retirement official as of February 1 as founding director of the Dahesh Museum in Manhattan, is moving with his wife, Pat, to their farmhouse in Maine. David looks forward to a less programmed life and attending to the endless tasks that a 120-year-old Maine farmhouse can demand. The proximity of a grandchild is a potent lure — David and Pat will now be nearer to their grandson in Portland. David will not entirely forsake New York — he hopes to continue several projects for the museum that he started and plans to visit at regular intervals. David, remember that there's always a seat for you (as for all class members who show up) at our first-Thursday lunches at the Columbia Club, and if you crave an actual bagel, e-mail us and we'll arrange for delivery.

A lifetime of distinguished service in Jewish communal affairs has brought well-deserved recognition and honor to **Stephen Solender**. Steve, who was one of the recipients of the College's 2000 John Jay Awards for professional achievement, continues to reap encomiums for his accomplishments and will receive the inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award from the United Jewish Appeal-Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York on April 10, and an honorary doctorate in Humane Letters from the Hebrew Union College Jewish Institute of Religion on May 9. Steve served as executive vice president of UJA-Federation from 1986–98. He is president-emeritus, having served as the first president of United Jewish Communities of North America, a newly organized umbrella group.

The last home game of the football season drew several classmates and family members to Wien Stadium at Baker Field on November 11. We were pleased to see **Robert Fischbein**, who, with his wife, Brenda, and grandson, Noah, made the trip from New Jersey. Chatted with **Norman Hildes-Heim** and **Arthur Delmhorst**, former lightweight crew teammates. **Stephen B. Brown** was spotted with two youngsters in tow, grandsons, we assume. And **Larry Rubinstein** in robust voice offered instruction to the coaching staff on strategies for victory and how the team could better be prepared for play; guidance that, alas, went entirely unheeded. Football aside, Larry advises with great pleasure that his daughter, Eve, will wed in September. Eve, a member of the development office of the 92nd Street Y (apparently following in Dad's career footsteps), is engaged to teacher/author Jon Papernick.

The subject of engagements warrants comment. The editors of *Columbia College Today* afford class correspondents a most liberal latitude in the preparation of Class Notes, undoubtedly comfortable in the notion that the lot of us having been immersed as undergraduates in the noblest virtues of Western civilization have been imbued with and are dependably ruled by an impeccable refinement of taste, discretion and unfailing good judgment; a quite reasonable notion as regards the younger classes but questionable for those of us in the afternoon of life whose study of the Core Curriculum by now has receded into a distant past and who, shielded by the immunities of age yet armed with the impious if mistaken belief that we are still young and bold, have emerged, variously, as whimsically irreverent, unpredictably eccentric and determinedly contrarian. Now the editors, to be sure, have imposed a few conventions, and the subject of engagements caused me to consult them. Thus, "try to avoid reporting on engagements," and, "do not include pregnancies in Class Notes." The reason for these admonitions, *CCT* should not memorialize to our later consternation incipient states that never achieve fruition, a consequence of misfortune in the second case, and sober reconsideration brought on by abject fear in the first. But most lives are littered with promising first steps that end short of achievement, intentions that become sidetracked or fall abandoned. No reason to not report them. I leave to you, dear reader, whether you want to share your unrealized expectations, bold ventures that fizzled and unfulfilled yearnings. As regards the aversion to reporting engagements, I am guided by my interpretation of the rule that it does not apply to our offspring, until and unless the editors inform me to the contrary. As for pregnancies, I will vehemently and defiantly insist on the right to report the pregnancies of classmates. So, if any of you has passed the first trimester, let me know and I'll bend every effort to ensure that it gets into this column. *[Editor's note: Any member of the Class of '60 who passes the first*

trimester merits a feature article as well as a mention in Class Notes.]

Be well, best regards, and write often.

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In the last issue of *CCT*, the note about the New York City luncheon club had an incorrect e-mail address for **Tony Adler**. It is awadler@amleasing.com.

Morrow Wilson has acted in 60 New York city stage productions in the past six years, winning acting awards for playing leading roles four years running. Morrow also does voice-overs for commercials. He is married to Rue McClanahan, of *Golden Girls* fame, who recently starred in the sold-out hit *The Women*. He plans to produce and act in another Broadway show in the 2003 season, an updated revival of George Furth's comedy *Twigs*. Morrow also has published a novel, *M.I.M.* and a play, *A Temporary Condition*, which was produced in New York.

David Konstan writes that three books he was involved in were published in 2001. He wrote *Pity Transformed*; he translated *Commentators on Aristotle on Friendship: Aspasius, Anonymous, Michael of Ephesus on Aristotle Niconachean Ethics 8 and 9* from ancient Greek and he wrote the introduction and notes for Euripides' *Cyclops*, which was translated by Heather McHugh. David is The John Rowe Workman Distinguished Professor of Classics and the Humanistic Tradition and Professor of Comparative Literature at Brown. He also is the department chair. In 1999, David was president of the American Philological Association (the professional association for classicists in the U.S. and Canada).

Fred Plotkin passed away on November 24. In addition to graduating magna cum laude, he earned a master's in mathematics in 1962 and in 1966 received his Ph.D in literature and the history of ideas from Columbia. Fred taught at the College and held professorships at SUNY Buffalo and Yeshiva University, where he was director of the humanities division. He published several books, including *Faith and Reason* and *Judaism and Tragic Theology*, which won the Best Book in American Philosophy and Religion award in 1974. Fred also is author of the Milton study, *Inward Jerusalem*, which explores the philosophic activity of *Paradise Lost*.

Fred was one of the three founders of Meridian Books, the first quality paperback publishing company in the United States, and in 1980 conceived Comtex Scientific Corporation, one of the first to put research data online to telecommunications networks. Fred is survived by his wife, Kathy, and his son, Avi, from a previous marriage.

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John Boatner continues to perform and compose serious music. His *Sonata for Organ* was performed in several European cities last summer by concert organist Carson Cooman. Two of the venues were Prague, Czech Republic, and Varnia, Bulgaria. The sonata was composed by John in 1969, and he has performed the work in various U.S. cities including New York, Memphis and Traverse City. The work is published by JB Music.

Paul Alter practices law at Greenberg and Traurig and, as usual, is enthusiastic about his career. Interestingly, Paul related that his firm was deeply involved in last year's legal battle over the presidential election. Paul will be an active participant in the festivities of our 40th reunion, hosting a pre-theater reception at his home on the Thursday of Reunion weekend.

I met with **Phil Lebovitz** on his yearly jaunt to New York for a psychiatric convention. Phil and his lovely wife, Donna, a Barnard graduate, are starting to travel extensively. Their most recent vacation was to China, which, just by viewing the photographs, was quite an eye-opening experience for them. In addition to celebrating our 40th, Phil and Donna will share in the revelry of their son Aaron's 10th anniversary of his graduation from Columbia.

Lastly, please make your plans to join us for Reunion Weekend May 30–June 2. We are planning a full and thoroughly enjoyable series of events.

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I have been working at the Lahey Clinic Medical Center in Burlington, Mass., for the past two years. Last month, I ran into **Michael S. Erdos**, who works in emergency medicine. Mike earned his M.D. at Downstate and did an internship and residency at Montefiore. He emigrated to New England to do an infectious disease fellowship at Tufts-New England Medical Center, completing it in 1972. He then entered the Navy, serving for two years in San Diego. He developed an interest in emergency medicine and has been at Lahey Clinic since 1988. He has organized the North Suburban Emergency Medical Consortium, an 11-town cooperative to deliver advanced life support to victims of heart attack, trauma and other things. He was named director of emergency medical services for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in July 2001. Mike lives in Winchester with his wife, Caryl, and four children. He loves mountain biking and deep sea fishing, and remembers his Columbia years with fondness.

I would love to hear from more of you. Send me a capsule summary so that we can inform our classmates about our progress.

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September 11 continues to echo, and to rekindle attachments to Columbia and New York City.

Don Hebard writes from Tacoma, Wash., that he was happy to see from the last column that our classmates were unharmed. He also "went so far as to visit New York," where he enjoyed the pleasures of Lincoln Center and the Museum Mile on Fifth Avenue. "I have found that the Music and Art Humanities experience at Columbia has proven to be the most durable and enjoyable part of my education."

Don will retire at the end of the year from his practice of radiation oncology, and would welcome the opportunity to live in New York for an extended period of time. Let him know if you have a sublet or want to swap residences.

Jack Kleinman writes from Milwaukee that he and his wife, Lynne, '64 Barnard, "remain New Yorkers at heart." They have been in New York twice since September 11, not only to see their children, "but to support the economy of the city that formed us." Their daughter, Gabrielle, is Class of '91, and their son, Jason, is Class of '95. Jason is applying to the Business School, and Jack wants to know "how many Columbia degrees the Kleinmans have to have before they get one on the house?"

Jack is professor of medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin, specializing in diseases of the kidney. He says his life is fulfilling, and "the College was an important component in my ability to lead this life."

Your classmates want to hear from you. Please write.

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Ed Merlis dropped me a line (today, a "line" means an e-mail). Correcting a misimpression from our last column, Ed reports that for the past 12 years he has been with the Air Transport Association, the trade association of the major U.S. airlines, where he runs the lobbying operation (which, as we all know, has been astonishingly effective since September 11, 2001). Ed and his wife, Carole, '67 Barnard, just celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary. They have two daughters, one a lawyer in Baltimore and the other a teacher in Potomac, Md.; also two grandchildren, Hap Conover and Will Houston, "potential members of the Classes of 2020 and 2021."

The absence of news from other classmates compels me to report the following virtual non-event. Four of as showed up at the January 2002 monthly New York Class of 1965 lunch: **Larry Guido, Barry Levine, Dave Sarlin** and your correspondent. In the best traditions of our Columbia years, we talked a lot about nothing, but did observe closely, and comment in a most erudite fashion, on the hostess and several other female diners.

CCT's increased publication schedule makes me hungry for news. Please send some.

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The first item on the agenda is to offer a hearty thank-you to **Stuart Berkman** for the efforts he put in during his tenure as class correspondent. We could always count on Stuart for some item of news. Thanks also to **Tom Chorba** and **Rich Forzani,** who pinch-hit as co-class correspondents for the most recent issue of *CCT*.

Speaking about Stuart and previous issues, I couldn't agree more with him about the beauty of the campus, which he described in the December issue, on the basis of a recent trip. My wife, Molly, and I visited the campus on a number of occasions, including the 2000 Hamilton Award Dinner under the rotunda at Low Library. The award honored Bill Campbell '62, director of Great Plains Software. Bill was the assistant freshman football coach for the class, so turning out to honor him were a number of the

members of that team. Coming in from the West Coast were **Neill Brownstein** and wife Linda, **Fran Furey** and wife Jane, and **Bob Klingensmith** and wife Nancy. At the adjacent table was **Bill Corcoran,** who'd made the trip from Massachusetts. We sat in front for a wonderful evening of speeches and reminiscences. Dean Austin Quigley's paean to the Columbia Core Curriculum was so inspirational. The evening concluded with a visit from the Emerald Society, the New York Police Department's Bagpipe Band. As organized by Bill Smith '57, the pipers performed a medley of Columbia fight songs.

My next correspondence will focus on our 35th reunion ceremonies of last June. I have some hastily gathered info from that get-together, but some news from out in the provinces is most welcome. Any juicy tidbits based on conversations of that weekend are welcome. Call me at (973) 743-7166 or write or e-mail to one of the addresses above.

One final request, if you don't mind, Stuart. Whatever did you do to **John Burrows** that released that torrent of prose in the last few issues? Please let me know so that I can feed it to our other classmates.

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Your class correspondent has received a veritable flood of informative news items from and about fellow members of The Cleverest Class in the World. Here are both of them:

Will Nettleship is a sculptor crafting site-integrated public sculpture, which he has done for arts councils from New York to Ohio and Arizona. Seven functional examples of his work are on exhibit at the Exploratorium in San Francisco. He lives in Los Angeles with his wife, a history professor, and has two daughters.

Mark Minton claims to be (and we do not for a moment doubt that he is) one of just two career foreign service officers among our classmates, the other being **Raymond F. Burghardt Jr.**, who is U.S. Ambassador to Vietnam. Ray and his wife also have two daughters; they're "working and studying, respectively, in Boston."

Don't forget our upcoming reunion May 30–June 2. In the meantime, please report on the events in your life. If there have been none, go out, have a few events, and then report on them. Remember: Only YOU can prevent empty Class Notes columns.

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How this column survives, I'll never know, but I do have some news. **Bill McDavid** is one of four distinguished alumni scheduled to receive the prestigious John Jay Award on March 6 in recognition of professional achievements, in Bill's case in law and banking/investment. Bill is general counsel for JP Morgan Chase & Co. Congrats.

Wayne Wild (aka Doc) sent an e-mail (impersonal, but acceptable; I'll accept anything) update, in which he reminded me that after 15 years as an internist/gastroenterologist in Boston, "I decided … to resurrect my Core Curriculum brain cells. I went back to university (Brandeis) and got a Ph.D. in English and American Literature." His "dissertation was doctor-patient correspondence in the 18th century;" illness in 18th-century literature. "I've remained a British lit fan since my classes with Edward Said and Hugh Emory … I teach English literature to undergraduates at Berklee College of Music (Boston) … and am working for Private Healthcare Systems, a medical management organization. I am happy about my resumption of the academic life. My brain cells are functioning again. Regards to all." Congrats and best wishes in your new career. And, remember: Keep in touch; whatever you send will hit the print.

Son Peter '98, still in New York but temporarily unemployed (anyone in need of a bright, personable young man, with good credentials and media/advertising skills?), is applying to law school.

On the homefront, the lovely Eileen is fine, radiant as ever. Unfortunately, the family dog, Clyde, a 13-year-old fox terrier, died a few months ago; he had a good life.

Re: the next column. I need to hear from someone (or two, or three), anyone. A postcard would be nice.

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Sometimes I stumble upon news of our classmates in the course of daily reading. **Jerry Avorn** was quoted in the December 24, 2001 issue of *Time.* The article addressed the issue of prescriptions being written for senior citizens, reporting that the *Journal of the American Medical Association* had concluded that about one-fifth of senior citizens are given medications not appropriate for their age. The article refers to an editorial written by Jerry for the *Journal* that describes the problem with our medical system as the "triumph of habit over evidence." He makes the point that doctors write prescriptions by habit, rather than by keeping up with the latest drugs. I called Jerry for reassurance that this issue does not (at least for a few years) apply to our classmates.

Jerry is an associate professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School and chief of the division of pharmacoepidemiology and pharmacoeconomics at Brigham and Women's Hospital. An internist, geriatrician and pharmaco-epidemiologist, his research centers on medication use (analyzing the relationships among the risks, costs and benefits of prescription drugs), with particular reference to elderly patients and chronic disease. Jerry adds: "Most important is the fact that I remain happily married to Karen Tucker, '71 Barnard, whom I met on a Columbia-Barnard ski trip in 1968 when I threw her off a chair lift shortly before The Revolution. We have two sons — Nate, a junior at Connecticut College, and Andrew, a sophomore in high school."

Each column generates at least some e-mails, all of which are appreciated. **Tom Hazen** still enjoys teaching law at the University of North Carolina and publishing in the areas of securities and corporate law. A fourth edition of his treatise on securities law is due out soon (a work I've used many times), while a second edition of his co-authored treatise on corporate law will be published within the next year or so. Tom has been preparing updates of his co-authored books on broker-dealer law and commodities law. He has also written the second edition of a monograph for federal judges on federal securities law and is about to embark on a case book on corporate law and corporate finance.

Tom has testified on a number of occasions for the New York district attorney as an expert witness in some high profile broker-dealer boiler room prosecutions. He "hadn't been back to New York for quite a while and this presented a good opportunity to refamiliarize myself with the city." Tom lives in Chapel Hill with his wife, Lisa. Their older son, Elliott, is working toward his master's degree in marine biology at the University of Washington, having completed his undergraduate work at Duke ("which is a tough thing for a UNC professor to live with"). Their younger son, George, is in the fifth grade.

Dave Rosedahl is the executive vice president and chief regulatory officer for the Pacific Exchange. Dave reports that the Pacific Exchange recently entered into a joint venture with an electronic communications network to form a new electronic exchange: "Essentially, we're looking to reinvent the securities markets." His son, Dan, lives in Minnesota and his other son, Erik, lives in D.C. Dave and his wife have become more popular on the West Coast than in Minnesota as more people come to visit them — and he welcomes all to do so.

Fred Hulser continues to practice law at McConnell Valdes, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, primarily in corporate finance and in mergers and acquisitions. As president of the Columbia Alumni Association in Puerto Rico, Fred hosted a visit to the island by President George Rupp and Dean Austin Quigley. Fred reports that he and his wife, Shay, "have been spending most of our time trying to keep up with kids and grandchildren." He has two children, two stepchildren and — as of December 31, 2001 — two grandchildren.

Hilton Obenzinger is associate director of undergraduate research programs at Stanford, where he is in charge of honors writing and works with honors students in all departments who are writing their honors theses, plus other advanced writing. He also teaches American Literature in the English department. On December 3, Hilton joined actor Patrick Stewart "on a grand *Moby Dick* 150th anniversary celebration co-sponsored by Stanford and the Maritime Museum in SF — lectures onboard three-masted ships and readings from the novel." His friends have set up a Web site (www.obenzinger.com) about his writings, from which I learned that Hilton "is the author of *Cannibal Eliot and the Lost Histories of San Francisco* (Mercury House, 1993), a novel of invented documents that recounts the history of San Francisco from the Spanish conquest to the 1906 earthquake and fire; *New York on Fire* (Tilbury House Publishers, 1989), a history of the fires of New York in verse, selected by the *Village Voice* as one of the best books of the year and nominated by the Bay Area Book Reviewer's Association for its poetry award; and *This Passover or The Next I Will Never Be in Jerusalem*, winner of the Before Columbus American Book Award."

Nick Garaufis happily announces that he is engaged to marry Betsy Seidman this spring. Nick is a United States District Judge in the Eastern District of New York (based in Brooklyn). Betsy, the executive director of a charitable foundation, was a non-

lawyer member of the screening panel that evaluated prospective judges for Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-NY). Nick and Betsy met when the panel interviewed him. What a successful interview: Nick was named to the bench and found his bride.

Jonathan Schiller reports that his oldest son, Zachary '01, "traded his sneakers for a word processor and is now at an entry-level position with Adam Sandler in L.A.," while youngest son, Aaron, plans to enter the College in the fall. Jonathan is managing partner of Boies, Schiller Flexner LLP, which now has 120 lawyers in New York; Washington, D.C.; California; and south Florida. Apart from his management responsibilities, he continues "to spend considerable amounts of time engaged in international arbitration in Europe on behalf of U.S. companies."

Please send me your news by e-mail, preferably well before we've entered the class of senior citizens.

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Longtime Manhattan resident **Robert Stolz** has been reappointed as a judge of the Criminal Court, City of New York by newly elected Mayor Michael Bloomberg. **Dennis Graham**, temporarily displaced from his financial district office by the events of September 11, is back in lower Manhattan at the new Deutche Bank headquarters. Dennis is involved in asset management credit.

Closer to home, my daughter, Alex, a high school senior, successfully resisted all my efforts to get her to apply to the College and instead preferred the atmosphere at Barnard, which she will attend next year. Go figure. And go figure how I can continue to fill up this space with class notes if none of you guys ever contact me and let me know what you've been up to. Please help me out and, at the same time, don't forget to help out the College Fund (and the Light Blue Football club, too).

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In January, **Greg Wyatt** received the first of this year's gold medals from the National Arts Club. The 2001 NAC winners were Tom Wolfe, Frank Stella, Roberta Peters and Roy DeCarava, so that's good company. Greg's award was for art and education. His sculpture, "The Price of Freedom," is scheduled for 2002 installation at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Arlington National Cemetery.

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Another classmate has a tale to tell of the terrorist attacks on September. 11. **Gene Ross**, having left his position as a junior associate attorney at Skadden, Arps in New York and returned to his former life as a surgeon, found himself in the midst of the aftermath of the terror. While seeing patients at Montefiore Medical Center in The Bronx, he had a view of the World Trade Center and "saw the entire calamity from our window." During the night of September 13 and all day September 15, Gene served as a volunteer physician at Ground Zero, treating rescue workers. "I was within a few feet of the rubble, and the still actively burning fires, and had to wear a gas mask and write my Social Security number on my arm with marker in case of further building collapse or explosion." Gene adds, "It was a profound relief and honor to be able to apply energy to something — anything — constructive."

On a happier note, **Foad Katirai** has published *Global Governance and the Lesser Peace* (George Ronald Publisher, Ltd.). After obtaining a doctorate in management from Oxford, Foad returned to Japan, where he has lived since 1953 and where he chairs the local alumni committee that interviews Columbia applicants. An adherent of the Bahai faith, Foad draws on Bahai and other writings to explore "the foundation of a new and just system of international governance to carry the world toward a long-awaited era of peace."

Betsy Nichols, '72 Barnard, was kind enough to send some news of **Peter Cuneo**. Along with his ballooning partner, Barbara Fricke, Peter won the gas balloon race at the 2001 Kodak Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. Their balloon traveled more than 1,300 miles, crossing the Mississippi at St. Louis and landing near Columbus, Ohio. I had the privilege of seeing this amazing balloon fiesta some years ago; there is something glorious about a sky filled with colorful balloons ascending to the heavens. The full details of Peter's triumph are on the Web at www.balloonfiesta.com/challenge/winners2001.htm.

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No news is bad news for *CCT* readers! Write, e-mail, phone or just the fax, men. Somewhere, someone is extremely interested in what's up in your life (even if you don't think so).

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While returning some kids books to the library, I bumped into Russ Behrman '77 doing the same, but also returning the 1969 classic *Alice's Restaurant* on DVD. Taking his recommendation, I checked it out. If you want to flash back to the era of the draft, VW buses and communes, give it a spin! The subtitle on the cover was, "Every generation has a story to tell." Here are a few more vignettes of *our* story — some bitter, some sweet.

The mention in my last column of the "earliest member of the Class of '74 family" brought this unexpected response from **Samuel Salamon** (a doctor in Cleveland): "I doubt I've written you before, but my wife, Ruthie, and I have just become grandparents to Rivka Atara Holzer, born November 3, 2001 in New York City." He then speculates, "Her mother, our daughter, was born October 12, 1978, but I doubt she's the oldest progeny of our class." Can anyone beat these two "records"? Let the race begin!

An amazing e-mail came in from **Doug Birch**, the longtime science writer for the *Baltimore Sun*. He writes, "I took a sharp turn in my career path and became the Moscow bureau chief. (Yeah, the *Sun* only has one correspondent here, but I get to boss myself around) … A few weeks after I arrived in Moscow, I watched the terrorist attacks in New York. And a month later I was headed to Afghanistan, where I spent six weeks reporting for the *Sun*, mostly from the area north of Kabul." Doug plans to be in Moscow for the next few years. "To members of the Class of '74: Stop by if you're in town."

A sad note came in from **Mark Rantala** out in Cleveland. He writes, "I don't have many details, but **David Hathy** passed away on November 19, 2001, in Pittsburgh, quite unexpectedly. He is survived by his wife and two sons." We'll try to get more details in a future column.

That's all for now. Whether you're writing from Moscow or Main Street, I'll be glad to pass on your stories of our generation.

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Laura Weinberg Aronow wrote that husband, **Rick Aronow,** was found with two friends in the rubble of the WTC and was buried in early December. She is fulfilling Rick's wish to establish a school for autistic children. Please join me in continuing to send support and condolences to Laura and her family.

Douglas Letter was quoted in an article in the December 5 issue of the *Daily Standard*. Doug is a justice attorney who has been working for the administration on issues of terrorist funding. He was floor counselor on 3 Livingston in 1974–75, and **Bob Schneider** was one of the residents of the floor.

One of my former roommates and adopted cousin, Gavin Nichols, wrote from San Antonio, where he has lived for the past 16 years and is the director for information systems for a privately owned, regional grocery company. He's been married for 21 years to Sharon Ahrens Nichols, and they have a 14-year-old daughter, Anastasia.

I spent a wonderful two weeks in November in Hawaii with my family. Mom lives in central Wisconsin, and we've said for years that we were going to start spending the holidays somewhere warmer than there, even if it meant that we would celebrate holidays on a slightly different schedule. Twelve family members made the trip, and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and each other's company. Now, I am busy with interviewing candidates for the Class of '06.

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No news from classmates this time around. If you're a '76er reading this, stop now and send me some e-mail!

REUNION MAY 30–JUNE 2

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We interrupt this broadcast for a brief but important reminder: Our 25th reunion is coming up on the weekend of May 30–June 2. On

behalf of the reunion committee, **Robert Kent** has written to remind us to (1) make our reservations, or, failing that, (2) at least to fill out the survey in our reunion packet (replacements will be supplied upon request). I know that I can manage (2), if not (1). Contact: RJ_Kent1@prodigy.net.

Correspondence received re: reunion includes a general greeting from **Gavin Nichols**, director and program manager in the information solutions department of the H.E. Butt Grocery Co. in San Antonio. His wife, Sharon, is a sales associate at The Limited, and his daughter, Anastasia (14), is a freshman at James Madison High in San Antonio. (Am I wrong in thinking that there must be a James Madison H. S. in every American city?)

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First the Columbia Club moves into Princeton's operation in midtown, and now **James E. McGreevey** is running the whole state of New Jersey. I see a very good trend here. Now, if we light blues could focus some more attention north of the city in my neck of the woods …

Edward T. Ferguson writes, "A couple of months ago, after returning home (downtown Manhattan) from a gut-wrenching tour of Ground Zero, I found some unexpected solace in your evocation of the Stratomatic baseball league centered on 8 Livingston in our last year of school. I found the contrast poignant and comforting; I guess it is good to be reminded from time to time that life does have its moments and periods of unalloyed fun.

"On the professional front, in the fall of 2000, after four years as head of the NYC Trade Waste Commission (a Giuliani administration initiative to drive organized crime out of the city's commercial carting industry), I became vice president, general counsel and managing director of the New York office of Investigative Group International, Inc., a boutique corporate investigations firm based in Washington, D.C.

"My wife, Simone Procas, and I just had our first child, Elias Mark Ferguson, born December 30, 2001. Now my 9-year-old son (from a previous marriage), Caleb, finally has the little brother for whom he has long been lobbying. Best regards, and thanks for your many years of effort as the Homer charting the *Odyssey* that is the Class of 1978."

I'm not sure what a corporate investigations firm does, but if I were Ken Lay, I'd watch out for Ed.

From the ubiquitous **Thomas Mariam** comes the following message: "It was great to see you at the WKCR reunion last year. It is hard to believe that it was already four months ago. I share your sentiments about the new studios.

"I had lunch with **Jeff Klein** last week. He seems to be doing well editing *The New York Times Magazine.* Since you now have a bimonthly column, I thought I'd give you something substantive, that is, the announcement of my baby. Here are the details: Michael Reese Mariam was born to Alyce and me on August 30, 2001. He is, of course, adorably cute but never cuter than when he wears light (shall we say Columbia) blue. Michael has already attended two Columbia football games at Baker Field, including homecoming at the ripe young age of seven weeks. He inherited his father's sports appetite, staring intently at the TV whenever a game is on. Best of all, he has been a happy and healthy baby, a true joy for his parents."

Doc **Michael Schulder** was good enough, as he so often is, to send in some news: "I am still associate professor of neurosurgery at New Jersey Medical School; busy clinical practice in stereotactic surgery and neurooncology — several interesting ongoing research projects in those areas. I set up the first site in North America (and the second in the world) for an innovative intraoperative MRI unit, designed and made in Israel. It is a huge advance for brain surgery and cool science to boot. Daughters are now 9 and 6 and doing great. If anyone is interested in the future, check out the notes of our septuagenarian and older predecessors — mostly about family (we all should live so long). I hope that by the time the next notes appear, 9/11 will have faded yet more for most of us, except for the people who lost family and friends."

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CCT is expanding to six issues per year, so that gives us a better opportunity to share class news in a timely way. Please let me know what you're up to. We can't all be brain surgeons and CEOs. I'm a struggling publishing slob! Looking forward to hearing from everybody.

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Hoping that 2002 brings good things to all of you.

Jeff Slavitz is married and has two boys, 6 and 8. Jeff is an independent computer consultant doing Oracle database-related software and database administration, is actively involved in Toastmasters, is an aging triathlete wannabe and was recently appointed to the town council in Tiburon, Calif. (just north of the Golden Gate Bridge). Jeff reported that in February he was headed for Brazil. His itinerary included Iguacu Falls, Rio de Janiero for carnival and then the Amazon jungle. Jeff reported that the boys were looking forward to the advertised crocodile spotting and fishing in the Amazon.

Hope to hear from many more of you and include your news in this column in the coming months.

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Another classmate is about to receive the College's highest award — the John Jay — in March. **Derek Q. Johnson**, president and CEO of the Apollo Theater Foundation, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation responsible for the preservation, restoration and revitalization of this important theater in Harlem, will join three other honorees for this gala event held at the Plaza Hotel on March 6. Derek stayed well beyond his college years at Columbia, obtaining a master's in public administration and a law degree. With his background in government, politics and real estate, Derek has long been associated with economic development initiatives in the Harlem community.

On a lighter note, I had dinner (and a few drinks, and a lot of laughs!) with **Mike Kinsella** in December as he was passing through D.C. Mike is director of product development for the WestGroup (lawyers in the crowd, take note). Outside of work and family concerns, Mike enjoys sailing Long Island Sound.

I hope to hear from more classmates in 2002.

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Plans continue for reunion, which is coming up May 30–June 2. Other than that, nothing new to report. This is your column, so please drop me a line!

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Peter Simonson lives in Suffern, N.Y., with his wife, Jane, and their three children, Emily (13), Melanie (10) and Tess (5). Many of us remember Jane from her frequent visits to Columbia. Peter is an obstetrician/gynecologist, and he admits patients to good Samaritan Hospital. My wife and I are planning a V&T outing with Peter and Jane this spring. Any classmates interested in joining us should please send me an e-mail.

Miguel Estrada recently was the subject of an editorial in *The Wall Street Journal.* Miguel is described as "an American success story, a Honduran immigrant who taught himself English and went to Harvard Law, where he was editor of the law review. He clerked for Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy and worked as a deputy in Bill Clinton's Justice Department, where he argued cases before the Supreme Court." Miguel was one of President Bush's first judicial nominations to the D.C. Circuit.

Peter Fumo has been in private practice as a nephrologist (kidney specialist) for the past seven years in Philadelphia. He married Susan Erfle on May 6, 2001, and they live in Horsham, Pa. They recently attended the wedding of **Andrew Botti** in Chatham. Congratulations, Andrew!

David Hoantee lives in Hong Kong. Any classmates who are traveling in the Far East and want to contact him should please send me an e-mail.

Gerrard P. Bushell reports, "It's been quite some time since I contacted anyone from Columbia's Class of '83. I always read the Class Notes to stay abreast of my classmates. After close to 19 years, I thought it was time to update folks on my whereabouts. I at one time was the president of student polity — I guess that was around 1982–83. I have spent the past 17 years working in politics; my last position was for New York State Comptroller H. Carl McCall. I spent six wonderful years working for an inspirational leader. For the past two years, I have been working for Citigroup as an institutional asset adviser to public pension funds. I married Leah Johnson (Harvard '83) more than five years ago, and we recently had a daughter, Claire Grace Bushell. Her birth made me immediately think about the wonderful times I had at Columbia, where I was fortunate to study and learn political science at the

College and through the graduate program. I promise to stay in touch and periodically send updates. Most importantly, I look forward to catching up with folks again, as we are close to our 20th anniversary. Please share my e-mail address. It's often hard to remember people, but it's always pleasant to try and recapture the experience we shared."

Thank you, Gerrard, for your detailed greetings! Gerrard's e-mail address is gerrard.bushell@ssmb.com.

Ed Barbini enjoyed reading about **Mark Licht** in *CCT*, "one of the best-liked people at Columbia, and a super guy." Ed was one of the most active members of our class and it is great to hear from him.

Tom Meltzer writes, "I entered with Class of '83 but took a semester off so I think I officially graduated with the Class of '84. All my friends were '83; don't think anyone would be looking for info about me in the '84 column anyway. Here's what I've been up to for the past 19 years: For a good long time after graduation, I wrote songs and performed with a country-folk band call 5 Chinese Brothers. The band got its start as a Columbia band, performing regularly at the legendary Blue Rose Café (Broadway and 105th Street). At the time we were called Special Guests; we ultimately decided to switch one stupid name for another. We made four albums, toured the country and Europe, and had a pretty good time of it until finally calling it quits in 1998. Paul Foglino '84 was an integral member of that band, by the way. While touring with the band, I met my wife, Lisa, in Milwaukee. I convinced her to move to New York, and we were married in 1999. Soon after, we decided to escape NYC for calmer, warmer environs. We chose Durham, N.C., and could not be happier. Great town, great folks, even some pretty decent food. Lisa and I work as writers for the Princeton Review, a test prep company in New York. I've written six books for them, including *The Best 331 Colleges*, the notorious rankings book. I was lead author on the book for the first three editions, and then handed the reins over to someone with better organizational skills and thicker skin. My other books are test prep books for Regents exams, AP exams, SAT IIs, that sort of thing. We pick up other freelance writing gigs from time to time. We work at home and enjoy what we do: it's a great life.

"Thanks for slogging through this mini-autobiography and thanks also for chronicling the comings and goings of our classmates."

Kenneth Chin is a partner at Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP, a major New York law firm. Ken practices corporate law and focuses on financing transactions. His wife, Lisa, is an in-home attorney at the New York State Housing Finance Agency. They have two children, Nicholas (7) and Austin (5). Ken and I were friends in college and law school, and it is always great to hear from him.

Neal Smolar is associate general counsel and corporate vice president at UBS/Paine Weber. He is married to Betsy (Shutter) Smolar, '85 Barnard. They have three children, Abigail (9½), Yael (6½) and Aidan (3½), and live on the Upper West Side. Neal is very involved with Columbia's Kraft Center and in touch with many of his classmates.

Leonard Rosen is managing director in technology investment banking at Lehman Brothers. He is responsible for communications equipment and Israeli technology. Lenny, **Tracy Klestadt, Eddy Friedfeld, Adam Bayroff** and I traveled throughout Europe and Israel together after graduate school. Lenny travels to Israel regularly and is responsible for helping to finance its growing technology sector. Lenny, maybe it's time for a reunion trip?

Kevin Chapman is making progress in his quest to visit every major league baseball stadium. He and his wife, Sharon, along with their kids Samantha, Connor and Ross, are planning a trip to the Midwest. Kevin notes, "The Mets will be playing Milwaukee in July, so that looks like a good time to do the Chicago-Detroit-Minnesota-Milwaukee trip and get three new stadiums checked off our chart (it's 25 down, 5 to go)." With the influx of new talent on the Mets, Kevin's family will undoubtedly enjoy their trip.

Robert Flock inquired about his first-year roommate, **Rich Jorge**, after reading about him in *CCT* Class Notes. Robert reports, "I am the director of real estate for International Paper Company. Laureen, my wife of almost 16 years, and I live in Allendale, N.J., where we are raising four children; Robbie (14), Chris (13), John (11) and Mary Kate (5). I spoke with Rich the other night, after 19 years, and picked up right where we left off. I see **John Hite** from time to time. He lives in Upper Saddle River, N.J., with his wife and two children. I also bump into **Bob Pash**. He and I live in the same town. As small worlds go, I met **Bill Massey** not too long ago. His wife and my wife are good friends."

My wife, Debbie, threw a surprise 40th birthday party for me. I was delighted to spend the evening with many Columbia classmates and my treasured friend and professor, Karl-Ludwig Selig. My father had a lengthy conversation with Professor Selig in Italian, and Professor Selig reunited with many former students.

I was deeply saddened by the passing of Professor Wallace Gray *[see page 10]*. He was my faculty adviser and a great mentor. He was a brilliant professor who gave his life to Columbia. He will be greatly missed by countless former students.

Anyone interested in contacting classmates mentioned in Class Notes should send me an e-mail.

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Congratulations to **Jay Markowitz M.D.** on a new career. "I am a transplant surgeon at Johns Hopkins, but will usher in the new year with a career change, going to work at T. Rowe Price as a biotech analyst." Jay lives in Baltimore with his wife, Susan, and their three children: Caroline (12), Jonathan (9) and Sarah (7).

Congratulations as well to **Eric Wakin,** who announced his October marriage to Michele Barc in New York City, where they live with 13-year-old stepson, Dane. Alumni friends at the wedding included Jonathan Blum '82, Aaron Brenner '85, Michael Caruso '83, Ed Leibowitz '85, Dave Romine '86, **Howard Snyder**, Bo Tran '83 and Brad Young '85; **Burt Clouse** was sorely missed.

Eric writes: "In late 1999, I left my job as executive editor of a startup magazine for technology investors to move to Ernst & Young. I've been at E&Y for two years. I'm working as an e-business adviser, helping run the firm's B2B services through its extranet. I'm theoretically still enrolled in the Ph.D. program in U.S. history at Columbia, though dissertation work has stalled. I get together regularly with College and GSAS friends to play cards. If any hold 'em players would like to join us, please e-mail me: eric_wakin@yahoo.com.

"Finally, I'm co-author, with Seth Kamil, of *The Big Onion Guide to New York City: Ten Historical Tours*, due out from NYU Press in March."

Thank you, gentlemen, for your updates. Looking forward to more input from our classmates.

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Steve Dembitzer writes: "I encourage you and our classmates to see the new film *In the Bedroom* (distributed by Miramax), a project many years in the making, which I executive produced following an introduction to the material and the original English producer, Graham Leader, by another Columbian, Gordon Goldstein. The film stars Tom Wilkinson, Sissy Spacek and Marisa Tomei and is directed by first-time director Todd Field.

"Despite the many challenges along the way, we are pleased with the results and blessed with an extraordinarily generous reception from the major critics (*The New York Times*, *The New Yorker*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *Entertainment Weekly*, Ebert, etc.). All raves!

"I also was encouraged to see another interesting film connected to one of our classmates, *The Deep End* (co-directed and co-written by **Scott McGehee**)."

Pete Stathatos writes: "I'm a vice president at an opinion survey consulting firm in Purchase, N.Y., Sirota Consulting. I graduated from NYU with a Ph.D. in 1998 in industrial/organizational psychology. And, most importantly, I've been married since 1994 to Elizabeth Corley."

I write: OK, **Serge Ozerov**. I have asked many times, over the phone and in person. Now you get to see it in print. Please put something together for *CCT* for inclusion in the next issue. You have lots to share! Also, let's hear from any members of the class of 1985 who started their Columbia experiences as freshman on the 11th floor of John Jay Hall in the fall of 1981.

I have been sleuthing somewhat using the power of the Web to locate friends from my days at Columbia and re-establish contact. Not surprisingly, they were all fellow former Furnald Grocery comrades! For anyone contemplating doing so but unsure as to whether they should, I encourage you to do so. I have had some very pleasant interactions with many old friends, none of whom however, was CC'85. *C'est la vie.*

I encourage all members of our class to e-mail me with newsy bits about themselves, their families and their classmates. You don't even have to deal with taking pen in hand and writing a letter, then finding an envelope and stamp and putting all three elements together in order to contact me. My e-mail address is included in this column for your convenience. Easy open spout. Lather, rinse, repeat.

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The Class of '86 committee is gathering steam! We've had several meetings to plan social events to bring classmates together and also build stronger ties to the College (no solicitations). We will definitely unite for a tailgate at the 2002 Homecoming game, but be on the lookout for other events. At the last meeting, also attended by two helpful representatives of the Alumni Office (yes, they do care), were **Rick Wolf**, who's worked hard to make something happen, **Renan Pierre, Nat Litwak, Dave Lebowitz, Erik Goluboff, Mike Gilligan, Chris Tahbaz, Ward Dennis, Jim Romano, Dave Lee, Mike Parent** and yours truly. When you consider that we had fewer people at our 15th reunion, this turnout indicates that our class is looking to get more involved.

Speaking of **Dave Lee**, he acquired Capstone Real Estate Group, a commercial real estate investment group in Manhattan. He lives on the Upper East Side with his wife, Amy. **Bernie Yee** left Sony and is putting together an Internet-based entertainment company. Interested angel investors can contact him at bernie.yee@mail.com. Bernie told me that **Bill Fink** and his wife, Lex, had a baby, Serena. **Mike Solender**, formerly general counsel of the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission, has rejoined Arnold and Porter as a partner in the Washington, D.C., office. Mike is married to Holly Fogler, who also works at Arnold and Porter as special counsel, and they have three children: Brian, Morgan and Andrew. And lastly, Solomon Gayle '85 established a $50,000 scholarship at the College in honor of his fiancee, **Seilai Khoo**, who passed away in the September 11 tragedy. Friends can contribute by contacting the College.

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We start off this issue with the wonderful news of three births. **Ilene (Weinstein) Lederman** and her husband, Marcos, welcomed a daughter, Hannah Grace. She was born on December 15, her father's birthday, and was a healthy 7 lbs., 20 inches. Her grandfather is Ed Weinstein '57 (who also dropped me a note about his new granddaughter) and her uncle is Jim Weinstein '84. Congratulations!

Another hearty congratulations goes to our southwest region reunion chair, **Barbara DiDomenico Geary**, who, with her husband, Chris, announce the arrival of Joseph Robert Geary on October 3. He was 6 lbs., 13.5 oz. and 20 inches long. Joe already has a Web site (www.joegeary.net). Barbara writes: "Because we live in Arizona and our families are on the East Coast, the Web site is the easiest way for everyone to see pictures."

The Gearys have been in Arizona since December 1998 because Barbara began to manage the Phoenix office of Neptune Marketing. "I am president of Neptune and general counsel to it and its affiliated companies, most of which are in the telecommunications field. It is a small family enterprise (14 employees), with offices in Perth Amboy, N.J., and Phoenix, that is owned by my brother. Neptune is an agent or part of a third party distribution channel for various carriers including MCI WorldCom, Qwest, Cable & Wireless, Broadwing, and so forth. We do telecommunications consulting and sales to businesses. I am also working on a prepaid wireless/debit project for which we are seeking outside investor funding."

Barbara also reports that **Tom Johnston** is working with Cushman & Wakefield in Phoenix. He and his wife, Jane, have two daughters, Molly and Katie.

The third congratulations goes to **Tristan Davies** who announced that he and his wife, Janet Encarnacion, welcomed their first child, Eli, on September 4, 2001. "Janet and I celebrated our 10th wedding anniversary in July 2001, but those who knew me at Columbia will likely recall that we were an item even then. My friends will remember me as a biochemistry major, too, but that part of my life has evolved dramatically. After four years as a Ph.D. student in neurobiology at Duke, I ditched science for TV news, becoming a producer at a station in Durham, N.C. Janet went to medical school, and matched to a residency in Springfield, Mo., so I became a reporter at that city's NBC station. News burned me out faster than expected, so I'm now in my third career, as public relations/publications/marketing (we call it university communications) director at Drury University, a small but regionally well-known university in Springfield."

Mark Promersberger lives in Shepherdstown, W.V., with his wife of 12 years, Rhonda. "After completing fellowships in ophthalmology, I went into private practice in the hills of West Virginia where I specialize in glaucoma, anterior segment surgery and pediatric ophthalmology. When I am not trying to prevent blindness, I can usually be found alongside my wife kayaking or cutting blues licks on my sax, harp or guitar with a local house band." Mark is trying to get in touch with his old lab partner **Jon Seckler**.

Judy Kim told me that **Eric Mendelson** is the new Florida reunion chair. He is there running Heico, an airplane parts company, with his wife and two children. In addition, **Yale Fergang, Larry Alletto, Mike Liebowitz** and **George Stone** have joined the class gift committee.

And speaking of our reunion, don't forget the date: May 30. It's just a few weeks away, and the committees have been slaving away to make our 15th an amazing celebration. I hope to see you there!

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My recent sojourn to the booming suburban metropolis of Randolph, N.J., for the nuptials of one **Drew David Krause** brought to mind a number of issues. Confronted with the extant members of my football recruiting class (and the penultimate marriage of the same), I was forced into contemplation even as the beer flowed and the whiskey chased.

Feeling a bit like Charlton Heston in *The Omega Man*, my mind wandered to the sense of ironic contradiction that Camp Columbia evokes in that warm, moist place I call my memory. For a second, I look around the group of compadres and feel as if we are huddled up at Baker, lined up at The Pub or sprawled over knock-down furniture in the lounge of 4 Carman, most barely better dressed now than they were back then for a night at Beefsteak Charlie's. I think about **Carl Schaerf**, a 4 Carmanite, roommate to the late **Chet Levitt**. Carl, happily married for almost a decade with two wonderful children, is a litigator. He has an office that faces Ground Zero. I realize that everything has changed. How can I not feel old? The gray hairs are visible on those all around me, especially my head. The belly on the fittest of the group is now alarmingly significant. My knees ache. The hamstring I tore 15 years ago suddenly hurts. Donald Ross from the Society of Columbia Graduates sent me a letter asking me to recommend candidates. I immediately think of many of you. Many, many of you. Then I stop and ponder this entreaty. The only thing I should be recommending is a good bar at which to get a cocktail or six.

I feel old. But my memory feels young. Is the memory of Columbia so warm in retrospect, so incoherent from this point, that it nourishes a warped sense of maturity whenever it is looked back upon? **Nick Leone** and **Durc Savini** have children who are closer to their first years at Columbia than either of them. **David Putelo** has two daughters. **Mike Bissinger** is a father, for Pete's sake, as his newborn daughter reminded us at 3 a.m. every night during which I visited. Everything is different. Even **Martin Lewison**, barely cognizant that we had a varsity 11 on campus then, is a faithful follower of the current Light Blue, going so far as to fly from Pittsburgh (where he finally finished up his Ph.D. at Pitt's B school) to Philly to see the Penn game a few years back. Now he teaches at the University of Arkansas in what smacks of Green Acres-ish delights. Everything must have changed. And I am just way behind the eight ball. But wait… **John Miller** still dresses with the same flair for matching earth tones as he did in 1984. I am still able to work up a mean scowl. To a man, the recruiting class that time forgot can still drink far too much for far too long. *Are* things different? Or do we just look at things differently? **Drew Krause** had wed. And his betrothal to the beautiful Effie came complete with Effie's lustrous daughter, Krysta. Drew hadn't merely wed. Poof … he had made an entire family in one afternoon.

A letter from **Emily Skopov**, a writer doing time on a sci-fi TV series in L.A., made me realize that maybe I have changed but I just act the same. Emily recently gave birth to a daughter, Austen. She met the father, Todd Normane, through an online service that she described in terms that made me not want to get near my laptop, and after three months, he had moved west from Jersey (did the teeming Randolph lose a citizen?). And marry … they didn't. She tells me that the way you view the world is altered after you bring life into it. I think she must be right. For I still see things a certain way. But only, I think, at certain times. For a moment I feel sorry for nailing her with that water bottle at football camp junior year as she ferreted libations to dehydrating, foolhardy oafs. Then I think better of it and feel no more remorse than I did that day in Blair, N.J. some 15 years ago.

But when I am in Randolph, I feel alone. I know that I shouldn't,

but I do nonetheless. I am amongst people with whom I have bled, suffered, reveled and worse. Still, the group planned to retire to one of its Connecticut manse for fireworks and finger-painting with the children for New Year's Eve. Having been summarily ejected from the booming Randolph early in the a.m. by an un-amused Bissinger spouse, I journeyed to Miami at daybreak. Rubbing sleep out of my eyes, wondering if I am still that reckless young man, just a bit grayer, a step slower, with every ounce of energy and guile. Or if I just felt that way when I was around those guys. Either way, I had a good time.

I always do when I think about Columbia. I feel that way. Like nothing has, or ever will, change. I hope you all do, too.

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Our deepest sympathies go out to **Chris Della Pietra** and his family for the loss of his much-loved brother, Joseph Della Pietra '99. Joe was an employee of Cantor Fitzgerald and was one of 11 Poly Prep alumni lost in the downing of the World Trade Center. In remembrance of Joe, the Della Pietras have joined with other families in creating the collective Poly Prep September 11 Memorial Fund to benefit future students who qualify for financial aid and scholarships. Chris notes that there has been no lack of support and a lot of outreach to the families of the victims, with a number of well-delivered services and receptions. "It has been the best of the worst," he observes. To contribute to the Poly Prep fund, please send a donation, and indicate on whose behalf you are giving, to Poly Prep CDS, September 11 Memorial Fund, c/o Development Office, 9216 7th Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11228.

Heidi (Himelfelt) Wolpow, her husband, Adam, and their 4-year-old son, Jason, welcomed baby Benjamin into their lives on February 24, 2001. Heidi recently became a fellow of the Society of Actuaries after 10 years of taking exams. She works full-time at Ernst & Young doing human resources consulting, working with large employers to help them restructure their health and welfare benefits, and at the end of the day starts her second shift at home, taking care of her boys, work that she admits she enjoys more than her day job. Adam is a stay-at-home dad.

After graduating from the College, Heidi got her degree in industrial engineering from SEAS in 1990. After a year as an engineer, she realized that though she loved the academic side of engineering, she didn't enjoy the work as much. So with some advice from a good friend and classmate, **Bill Nelson** (who lives in England with his wife, Kathy, 4-year-old son, Collen, and 1-year-old daughter, Clare, and is a writer and a stay-at-home dad), Heidi decided to start taking the actuarial exams. She did not realize what she was getting into — these are a series of exams (close to 20) that take, on average, 7–10 years to complete. The early exams are intensive math exams, and the later ones deal with insurance, risk, finance and so forth. After 10 years, she is finished.

Heidi had worked at Milliman & Robertson, an actuarial consulting firm, for six years, doing healthcare consulting. A few months ago, she joined E&Y. She has been married for more than 10 years to Adam; they had dated since sophomore year of high school. The Wolpows have been on Long Island since they were married and purchased their house in Plainview four years ago. Heidi would love to hear from classmates. You can reach her at hlw1007@aol.com.

Much thanks to **Michael Schrag,** who provided me the following "Report from the Best Coast." "You should have seen **Andrea Franchett** walking across the stage to receive her M.D. from UCSD with son Oscar (4) at her side, son Eli (1) in one arm and daughter Ruby (1) in the other. Proud husband **Michael Schrag** (how many other '89-'89 marriages are out there?) was snapping photos. After six years in La Jolla, Calif., Andrea dragged the family to beautiful Sonoma County where she is now a first-year family practice resident at the Sutter Hospital in Santa Rosa. Michael spent a few years at a large San Diego law firm prosecuting securities fraud class actions and now practices law with his father, working on complex product liability and consumer fraud cases. The move back to northern California gives them more time to see **Erik Price**, his wife, Paula, and their children Sasha (6) and Ben (4).

"After several years as an academic adviser at UC Berkeley, where he guided student-athletes through the maze of NCAA and Pac-10 requirements, and a cup of coffee as an Internet media consultant, Erik dove into the political arena. He is the chief of staff for a local attorney and school board member who is running for a State Assembly seat. The Prices and Schrags see **David Streitfeld** as often as possible. Dave married San Francisco actress Deb Fink, a close high school friend of Erik and Michael's. Dave accumulated enough food and wine knowledge working the elite SF restaurant scene to have his own show on the Food Channel. Instead, however, he earned an M.S. in computer science and is now reverse commuting to the Valley, where is a programmer for high-tech behemoth Intuit.

"Michael, Erik and Dave were unable to convince **Jeff Udell** to move to California and fully reunite this Ruggles foursome. Last November, Jeff and his wife, Lucy, became the proud parents of Micaela Udell, whose Lion credentials were firmly established when she was born at Columbia Presbyterian. After serving time in a major NYC law firm, Jeff escaped to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Manhattan, where he now works in the public corruption unit."

A late-December trip to Los Angeles proved to be fruitful for Class Notes. Looking for any excuse to get down to L.A., I was keen to see whom I might run into at the alumni event, a reception on the UCLA campus followed by the Columbia Lions basketball team competing against the Bruins. It was a great game, as summarized in a Columbia write-up: "After trailing the number 15-ranked team in the nation by 22 points with 10 minutes to go, the Lions staged a furious, heart-stopping rally to cut the lead to four with just over a minute to play before bowing in defeat, 64-55."

I was pleased to run into **Duane Bartsch, Frank Seminara, Benny Seybold, Russell Glober** and Matt Sodl '88, who are all doing well and looking terrific. With his still-fabulous, close-cropped, curly blond hair, Duane has his own practice, where he serves as a defense attorney. Frank, who played professional baseball for three years with the Mets and Padres organizations following graduation, was in town visiting his in-laws. He and his wife have twins, a boy and a girl. Frank is a financial planner for Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, based out of New Jersey. Benny continues his career in real estate. He is a vice president with CB Richard Ellis in Anaheim. We got to meet Benny's new daughter, Madison, at the basketball game; Benny has two older sons, as well. Russell continues to write scripts while he does his day job as a personal trainer. Matt is an investment banker specializing in the gaming industry.

I also was able to visit **Barbara Rosenthal Bagley**, who gave birth to Sara Rosenthal Bagley in December. Both looked well only a few weeks after Sara's birth. Much thanks to Kathrin Wanner '90, my host while in L.A., and my high school and college tennis partner. Kathrin is a partner with the law firm of Mannat Phelps & Phillips. Much thanks, also, to Elaine Matthews of the Alumni Office, who helped organize the terrific alumni event at UCLA, allowing us to reconnect. It was so terrific seeing Duane, Frank, Benny and Russell — after not seeing them since graduation — that I'd really like to begin encouraging everyone now to start thinking about attending our 15th anniversary reunion, set for the spring of 2004.

Best wishes for a wonderful 2002.

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Let's all take a long walk down memory lane to freshman year. In a word association game, if I heard uranium or bike ride to Montreal, I'd instantly think **Ken Hechtman**. It seems that others think more or less the same way, including **Michael Moore** and **Pete Neisuler,** who each sent me links to news stories about Ken. From reports in the *San Francisco Chronicle* to news from BBC World, we've learned that Ken, a freelance journalist in Canada, was taken prisoner by the Taliban in late November. He was caught without travel documents in Afghanistan, 10 miles from the Pakistani border. After being held for four days, Canadian diplomats negotiated his release.

A bit closer to home, I heard from **Carol Shahmoon** and **Marc Seidenberg,** who are thrilled to announce the birth of their third child, Jordan Matthew, on November 1. His siblings Rachel ($4\frac{1}{2}$) and Jake (3) also are delighted. Carol is taking a break from Morgan Stanley, where she practices securities law, to hang around their Great Neck house with the kids. Marc is a financial adviser with Merrill Lynch. **Laura Shaw Frank** had her third child in October. Elinadav Asaf (Davi) is the baby brother of Ateret (4) and Yanniv (2). Richard Waldman '58 is proud to announce that his son, Mitchell T. Waldman '90E, became a first-time father. His daughter, Kaitlin Sarah Waldman, Class of 2022, was born on December 11. He and his wife, Jolene, are happy to have her around, as is her grandpa. I've also learned that **Eleni Demtriou**, her husband John Passalaris (**Tina**'s brother), and their daughter Maria (3),

bought a house near Princeton, N.J., where John joined a medical practice.

I have some exciting news of my own: I am a season ticket holder for the Durham Bulls. Front row, too. If you find yourself in the Triangle wanting to see some baseball, let me know.

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Columbia College Today used to come out at a leisurely pace, much like an old uncle who would meander down the road, sit on the porch, smoke his pipe and chat for a long while. But that, gentle reader, is all part of our college publication's sweet avuncular past.

Today, the magazine is like an amped-up chipmunk, burying nuts with fervor and coming out six times a year with scary efficiency. That means that you, sweet classmates, must heed this new crazed call for news by rapidly e-mailing information about your exciting lives. Otherwise, I'll be forced to write about the contents of my basement crawl-space in every issue, and nobody wants that.

It's a rare column that starts out with a Barnard alum, but bear with me. The fabulous Kiersta Kurtz-Burke, '91 Barnard, played hostess to me in January at the Sundance Film Festival in Utah, where we stargazed and watched too many movies. (No, the tragicomedy screenplay about our class hasn't sold — yet.) Kiersta and her longtime beau, **Justin Lundgren,** are resident physicians in physical medicine and rehab at UC Davis' medical center near Sacramento. Kiersta and Justin (who was working at the hospital while I visiting) informed me that there's a strong rumor that our former class president, **Karl Meyer**, is contemplating attending business school.

John Chun has been named partner at the Seattle law firm of Mundt MacGregor, where he's a litigator. **Tom "Mort" Morrissey** writes, "After an 11-year exile from civilization (med school in Syracuse, residency in Pittsburgh, and fellowship the last three years at the University of North Carolina), I will be returning to New York City, or close to it, anyway. In August, I'll be starting as an attending gynecologic oncologist at North Shore Hospital on Long Island, with an academic appointment at NYU. I'll be bringing my wife, Lynn (sister of Lisa Berger '89), and our 1-year-old daughter, Julia Ann." Mort adds that he can't wait to wear his New York Giants jersey in public again without being ridiculed. Of course, it's hard to imagine anyone being ridiculed by Carolina Panthers fans.

Intrepid West Coast correspondent **Tina Fitzgerald** has no news in her mailbag but is begging **Mark Blacher** and **Jose Benitez** to get in touch with her through the UCLA English department. Drop me a line as well. OK, peeps, that's it for this issue. Send me your love — or at least the Cliff Notes version of your life for the past 11 years.

Ric Burns '78, Steve Rivo '93 Team Up on Ansel Adams Portrait

Legendary photographer Ansel Adams is the subject of a documentary written and directed by **Ric Burns '78** and co-produced by **Steve Rivo '93**. It will debut on PBS on Sunday, April 21 at 9 p.m. (check local listings).

Few American photographers — indeed, few artists of any kind — have reached a wider audience or enjoyed more widespread popularity in their own lifetime than Adams, who was born in San Francisco in February 1902 in the years following the closing of the American frontier and who died in 1984. *Ansel Adams*, a 90-minute documentary on the centennial of the artist's birth, provides a moving portrait of this most eloquent and quintessentially American of photographers.

Ansel Adams is a presentation of American Experience and commissioned by Sierra Club Productions.

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It's amazing what happens when you put a bunch of College graduates in a room to discuss how to plan a reunion. They reconnect, they rejoice in shared memories of campus, and, oh, yeah, they also put their heads together and work toward a wonderful 10th reunion.

Such was my experience late last year, when I joined **Patricia Ireland, Negi Ahkami, Tonya Keusseyan** and **Manu Rana** in a conference room at Salomon Smith Barney to plot and plan for May 30-June 2. It was, to say the least, a lot of fun. I won't spoil surprises, but it's going to be a great weekend.

One of our tasks was to identify others interested in planning reunion. From the looks of the second round of e-mails I received, these efforts were successful. Among others, I noticed that **Wah Chen, Ben Lawsky, Evan Ambinder, Frank Cicero, Karl Cole-Frieman, Mignon Moore** and **Randa Zakhary** are now in the loop.

If you're interested in joining the group (or just hearing more about it), please feel free to contact me or **Patricia Ireland** (patricia.n.ireland@rssmb.com). At the very least, it's a good way to stay in touch with any of the folks listed above.

Patricia also sent me an e-mail, in her capacity as a member of the executive committee of Columbia College Women, that on March 13, that group will bestow its 11th annual Alumna Achievement Award. CCW honors female graduates who've made substantial professional strides and contributions to their communities. The event will have a "snazzy keynote speaker" and a student a capella group.

On a related subject: I received an e-mail from the Society of Columbia Graduates, an organization that includes and honors Columbia alums at least 10 years out, who have made significant contributions to Alma Mater since graduation. I was asked to nominate '92ers for inclusion in this honorable group, and have submitted some names. There is no reason, however, why I should have all the fun. If you know of another '92 graduate who is deserving of membership, let me know, and I'll pass it on. Heck, while you're at it, feel free to send some news. I'd love to hear from you. Be well.

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Here's the news, short and sweet. **Eliza Gallo**, a former neighbor of 108th Street and Broadway, in the hippest building around, has moved to the Los Angeles area. The lifelong New Yorker says that she is enjoying the slower-paced style of life in Santa Monica, and appears to have traded in her Manhattan grit for a green thumb. She reports that she is growing "all sorts of ridiculous plants straight out of the Garden of Eden." And of course, there's the beach. Eliza reports that Jeff Sweat '95 also made the coastal switch a month before she did, investing in a gorgeous Craftsman house with his wife, Sunny Cannon.

Alan Cohn was married on March 24, 2001, to Rebecca Aimee Levin. Becky, formerly a healthcare regulatory analyst and lobbyist, is a third-year law student at American University. Alan is an associate in the labor and employment practice at Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld in Washington, D.C.

Alan's father, Peter Cohn '58, led a delegation of his classmates at the wedding, an event that somehow made it into the magazine two issues ago. The wedding party included Becky's brother, Mark Levin '91; **Alan Freeman,** who came with his wife, Remy; **Joel Lusman**; **Dan Donshik**, who was there with his wife, Karen; and Jennifer Ross '95, a friend of Becky's from high school. Also at

the wedding were **Andrew Ceresney** and his wife, Rachel Levine, '92 Barnard; **Andy Schmeltz** and his wife, Dayna; Adam Towvim '92; **Nina Abraham**; Jake Novak '92 and his wife, Adar; Alex Hillson (a friend of Alan's from high school); and Alan's cousin, Corinne Marshall, '02 Barnard. A week after the wedding, Alan and Becky bought a house in Potomac, Md., outside Washington, D.C.

Alan notes that like the rest of us, he was horrified by the terrible losses of September 11, but that he also shared the sense of pride in those from our family of alumni and faculty who helped in the rescue and recovery effort.

That's all the news that made it to Miami. Write soon.

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J. Shawn Landres writes of his August wedding to Zuzana Riemer. It took place in Košice, Slovakia, and was the town's first public Orthodox Jewish wedding in six decades. **Kim Worobec**, who had been traveling the world in a post-law school trip, attended.

In October, Shawn was a guest at the San Francisco wedding of **Mason Kirby** and Amanda Kahn '95. **Paul Bollyky** was best man, and other '94 classmates in attendance included Rica and **Jon Orszag**. Shawn and Zuzana have made other trips to San Francisco, spending time with **Ben Oppenheimer**, who is leaving UC Berkeley for a position at the Museum of Natural History/Hayden Planetarium, and **Derek Coppoletti**, who works in international business development. Shawn is still with the Department of Religious Studies at UC Santa Barbara, and NYU Press has recently published *Personal Knowledge and Beyond: Reshaping the Ethnography of Religion*, an academic title that he co-edited and contributed to.

John Jennings is working on the bond trading desk at The Vanguard Group in the Valley Forge area of Pennsylvania. He also is attending Villanova University's M.B.A. of Finance program. John and his wife, Carolyn, recently went to Chicago for the surprise 30th birthday party of **Adam Yeloushan**, which **Jeremiah Stoldt** and **Casey Blair** also attended.

Steve Chu has resurfaced in New York, where he has founded Omnifex Film and Video Productions, which specializes in digital filmmaking. He says he'd love to hear from fellow Columbians, and can be reached at steve@stevechu.com. Another classmate who is glad to be back in the city is **Jorge Salva**, who writes that after graduating from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in May 2001, he passed the New York State bar exam. He works as a corporate associate for the Manhattan law firm of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky and Walker and can be reached at jorgesalva@paulhastings.com.

Richard Waterfield writes that National InterBank, the bank that he and his brother founded in 1997, has formed a joint venture with Juno Online Services, which was founded by Charles Ardai '91. Richard explains that National InterBank powers the Juno Banking Center and invites Columbians to check it out at www.juno.com under "online banking services."

Finally, **Stephanie Paulk** writes about her ongoing art project, the "Synthetic Memory Project," for which volunteers are contributing memories and that will be combined to create a synthetic biography. Stephanie makes an appeal for more contributors. You can get more information at www.jsassociate.com.

Thanks for all the updates. If you didn't see your news in this column, we'll do our best to get it into the next one!

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This column is almost entirely composed of first-time writers to *CCT*. With the magazine coming out six times a year, it's always a challenge to include new people. So if you've been thinking about sending an update, now is the time.

Because **Grant Dawson** didn't know many of the people included in past *CCT* columns, he decided to write in. We need more people like him! Grant, a classics major and varsity fencer, is an attorney with a flourishing career. He finished his first year in the litigation department at Proskauer Rose; he's now a third-year associate after a clerkship at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces after law school at Georgetown.

"The work here is pretty sexy; I've worked on a lot of entertainment IP litigation, including the MP3.com and Napster litigation," he writes. "I also published a scholarly article last year in the *New York Law School Journal of International and Comparative Law* on the International Criminal Court." In his article, he advocated for the United States to sign the Rome Statute, setting up the International Criminal Court. "I'm excited to report that former President Clinton (signed it) on the last day of the deadline," Grant says. "This was significant because it ensured our ongoing formal participation in the multilateral negotiations that are shaping the court."

Another first-time contributor and lawyer, **Sue You**, is doing well in New York. Sue, who has the best name for an attorney, has been practicing law in the city for the past two years. Her field is commercial and trademark litigation, and she's enjoying life downtown in Nolita.

Ingrid Michelsen works at Institutional Investor as the executive producer of the company's 42 financial news Web sites. Most of her career has been as an Internet development consultant/strategist, but she's moved over to the client side. "It's lots of fun being part of a news organization," she writes. "It was particularly interesting during the anthrax scares in New York City because we suddenly had all of our subscribers demanding digital delivery of every publication. (They didn't want to open their mail.) I guess that the Internet is here to stay."

Ingrid has seen several Columbians recently. She attended the wedding of **Amanda Kahn** in San Francisco and spent Thanksgiving with Tom Bollyky '96 in South Africa. Tom won a Fulbright scholarship to work with the AIDS Law Project in Johannesburg. During the trip, Ingrid hit Cape Town, Kruger National Park, Victoria Falls on the Zimbabwe side, Robben Island (the prison that held Nelson Mandela) and the townships outside Cape Town and Johannesburg. "South Africa is a beautiful, natural, resource-rich country that has gone through so much political change in the past 10 years that I couldn't help but attempt to tap back into all my old political science classes at Columbia to figure out why there wasn't some kind of massive revolutionary war required to end apartheid, but rather a relatively peaceful transition led by Mandela," she writes. "Amazing."

Up in Boston, **Ivette Motola** is now a doctor, according to her sister, Niza Motola '93. After graduating from Columbia, Ivette went to the University of Rochester Medical School, where she graduated with honors. She is doing her emergency medicine residency at Harvard at Massachusetts General Hospital and Brigham & Women's Hospital. She would like to get in touch with classmates in the Boston area.

Brian Lang said he felt inspired to write in after attending his 10-year high school reunion. For the last year, he's been working for a Canadian bank in London, trading European and Japanese equity derivatives. "To clarify, I am a European and Japanese convertible bond arbitrage trader for the Royal Bank of Canada, London," he writes. "On the weekends, I have been doing my best to see the world (or at least Europe), which has been great fun." He's been going to graduate school part-time and training for a marathon.

And speaking of marathons, congratulations to **Brian Frank**, who ran the Honolulu Marathon last December. He trained with the Leukemia Society of America and raised more than $8,000 for research. Next, he will run the Anchorage Marathon in June. If you would like information to start training or about the Leukemia Society's Team in Training program, e-mail him at bhf2@columbia.edu. His wife, **Laura Margolis Frank**, recently appeared on an episode of *The Drew Carey Show* and will star in an upcoming production of a revival of Arthur Miller's *After The Fall*.

Thanks again for writing in, and please keep the news coming.

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Greetings! Only a few brief notes this time: **Sameer Ahuja** married Sima Saran, '96 Barnard, in August, and many classmates attended the wedding, including **Parag Gandhi**, **Neil Kothari**, **Chris Glaros**, **Dino Capasso**, **Poorni Bid** and **William Norman**. Sima just graduated from Cardozo Law, and Sameer is a second-year M.B.A. student at Harvard. They plan to move back to New York from their home in Boston when Sameer graduates. He writes that there are several other '96ers in his class, including **Jeff Li**, **Henry Tam** and **Sonny Hong**.

I hope this winter finds you well, and I leave you with this thought: "Art washes from the soul the dust of everyday life" (Pablo Picasso). Until next time …

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Happy New Year! Believe it or not, 2002 is our class's five-year

reunion. A number of classmates are working hard to plan a variety of activities for May 30–June 2, so save the date. The reunion committee can't tell people about the exciting activities planned if it can't contact them. Please update your address with Columbia, and encourage your friends to do so (www.college.columbia.edu/alumni/address.html). If you are interested in helping to plan reunion activities, please e-mail Preeti Davidson in the Alumni Office at pd102@columbia.edu.

Paul Feuer started NYU's graduate computer science program this semester. And The Freight Elevator Quartet (**Luke DuBois**, **Stephen Krieger**, Rachael Finn, '99 Barnard, and Paul) will try to finish its sixth album this spring as Stephen comes back to NYC with an M.D. from Yale. The group saw **Jon Dakss** in Boston when he opened for Kool Keith and Ice-T on Halloween.

Matt Luban has started a small strategy consulting firm. It's the same type of work that he did at Mitchell Madison, but he has been working with mid-size growth companies that are underserved by large firms such as McKinsey. He reports that things are going well, and he has been incredibly busy.

After graduating from Columbia, **Jon "Tito" Dakss** went to the MIT Media Lab for a master's degree. While there, he developed technology for tracking things (actors, props, etc.) in a television program. He and his professor then founded a company in Boston based on this technology, "WatchPoint Media," which is in business after two rounds of funding. So far, they've worked with several shows such as *The Tonight Show, The Drew Carey Show, Baywatch* and *As the World Turns*. Jon also was excited to have had an article written about him in *Rolling Stone* based on his hobby while he was at Columbia, working on a Web site for Sly Stone.

Manish Parikh graduated from medical school in May and is in the first year of general surgery residency at NYU Medical Center/Bellevue Hospital. Ryan Leaf, '97E, is an assistant groundskeeper at the Richland, Wash., site of the Office of Housing and Urban Development for the government. Post-Columbia, he received a one-year graduate degree from Texas A&M in agriculture. He is the proud father of Sharon (1). His wife, Esther (Texas Tech '98), couldn't be more proud of her.

Notes are rather brief this time round — please keep those e-mails coming! I look forward to seeing all of you at the reunion.

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More wedding news: Mazel Tov to **Dahlia Jacobs** and Benjamin Prager, who were married February 24 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C. They dated throughout their undergraduate years at Columbia and finally took the plunge. Dahlia is a second-year at Columbia Law, and Ben works in feature films. My first-year floormate, **Dan Petrov,** passed the Ohio bar in July and practices labor and employment law at Calfee, Halter & Griswold in Cleveland. Dan, who represents management in union negotiations and employment-related disputes, is engaged to a fellow lawyer, Amy McGann. Their wedding is scheduled for April 6. At one of the last CCYA events, a fellow '98er told me that **Lauren Giglio** is engaged to Andrew Brust. They plan a May wedding at the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens. Best wishes to all!

Eric Welsch is supporting the Columbia chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon as vice president of the alumni board. While at Columbia, Eric was the founding president of the chapter. He spent two years working in San Francisco and is now back in New York, hoping to get in touch with more classmates.

Josh Ratner updated me on a few pals: **Anand Gandhi** left his job at Morgan Stanley and is now working for Fox TV in Los Angeles. **Gabrey Milner** also is living in L.A. and working for Fox Sports. **Natalie Edwards** is in her first year at the New York law firm Cravath, Swaine & Moore, while **Alejandra Montenegro** is a first-year associate at the D.C. law firm of Arnold and Porter.

In academic news, **Rachel Dannen Hammel** was named to the dean's list for special projects at Ben Gurion University of the Negev's M.D. program in international health and medicine. Rachel is part of a program that is a collaboration between Columbia's P&S and Ben Gurion University. A third-year student, Rachel was recognized for her study of thrombophilia, a dangerous blood-clotting condition, as well as for her work on a study analyzing the relationship between breastfeeding and recovery from cesarean section.

Chris Hall married Rebecca Powals '98E in 1999. They live in Maplewood, N.J., where Chris teaches. Rebecca works in midtown NYC.

Finally, my husband Hans ('97) and I are expecting our honeymoon baby March 2.

Thanks to everyone who e-mailed me for this edition. Those of you who've never been mentioned, send your updates!

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We hope everyone has been able to settle into their jobs and studies in the new year. We have a number of updates for the class, including exciting matrimonial news from **M'Balia Rubie** that **Alicia Smith** married Rory Wilfork '97, former captain of the Columbia football team, on June 9. The wedding took place in Alicia's hometown of Carmel, Ind., and was a true Columbia event. All five of the bridesmaids were members of the Class of '99: **Rochelle Cameron, Mazda Figaro, Marice Mendoza, M'Balia Rubie** and **Courtney Washington**. M'Balia says that Marcellus Wiley '97 was one of five groomsmen. Congratulations to Alicia and Rory!

In October, **Jennifer Maxfield** moved to Syracuse, N.Y., to work for the ABC affiliate, WIXT, where she is a reporter from Monday to Friday on the 5 and 6 o'clock news. Before that, she was anchoring and reporting in Binghamton for the ABC affiliate. She reports that **Farzad Sarmast** also is in Syracuse attending medical school at SUNY Upstate Medical University.

Hung Tran sends his report from Baltimore, where he is a second-year medical student at Johns Hopkins. Hung deferred a year before med school and spent his time teaching mathematics in east Los Angeles at his former high school. **Christopher Dye** is working on a master's in acupuncture in New York City.

Thanks to classmates who sent updates. We look forward to receiving more over the next few months.

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Hi, everyone! For this class update, I introduce the first column written by a guest writer, **Erica Easley.** Enjoy! (P.S. If you have any interest being a guest writer, let me know. I'd love to share this column with you!)

By November, California was sounding pretty good to members of '00 who reside in colder climates. So they used their brains and bought some plane tickets. **Heidi Yeung** and Jim Murphy ('00E) came in from Vancouver, Anna Dimond, '00 Barnard, and I flew from Boston and Washington D.C., respectively, and **Omosede Idehen, Alicia Dooley** and **Ning Chao** made it from New York to join classmates and L.A. residents **Jen Park** (UCLA architecture), **Rashmi Menon** (UCLA medicine) and **Erica Easley** (writer) in their allegedly sunny city. Despite the bizarre weather (it rained for four days straight!), it was a "juicy" reunion, full of fun and foolishness and lots of catching up.

Best story of the past year goes to Anna, who recounted being chased out of the surf by a great white while living in Australia. Most glamorous job goes to Ning, who followed her sense of style to *Glamour*. Most sane award goes to Heidi, who is in her second year of med school at the University of British Columbia and is as pretty and nice as ever (truly an accomplishment).

Of the numerous celebrity sightings in L.A. (Amanda Peet '95 for brunch, Jack Black making some serious eye contact with Omosede in Rite Aid), we couldn't decide which was better: exchanging business cards with the legendary Archbishop Don "the Magic" Juan at a gas station in Hollywood or running into **Gideon Yago** strolling in Venice Beach with school chums **Evan Hutchison** and **Purvi Mehta**. That is, until New Year's Eve, which blew them all out of the water. It was fated: randomly ending up at a pre-party in the home of Henry "the Fonz" Winkler, then moving on to a true Hollywood rock n' roll show at the Viper Room. From the Viper Room, we went to one of those fabled parties in the Hollywood Hills and continued to celebrate into the wee hours with David Lee Roth and members of Faster Pussycat — we couldn't have planned it better if we tried! And Omosede and Erica will certainly never forget trading haircare tips with Diamond Dave.

We don't know where most of you are, but we hope you are happy, healthy, wealthy and wise, and we wish you all the best for 2002.

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I'm a bit disappointed that this update is quite a bit shorter than the last time around. I have used every resource in my power (namely, a long e-mail list) to contact quite a few of you, and have heard back from, well, some of you. Please keep the responses coming. I'd like to make sure that every one of our classmates is featured in these pages. I know

each of you has something meaningful to contribute.

I discovered a few months ago — on a ride in a Midtown elevator — that **Ashran Jen** is a fellow member of the Marsh & McLennan empire. Whereas I work for William M. Mercer, Ashran works for National Economic Research Associates as an analyst in its New York City offices. He lives in Park Slope with **Brian Gum**, who is working at Deloitte Consulting.

Ashran had much to report on his friends: **William Tsu** is working for Accenture, **Yosi Gelfand** is in the astronomy Ph.D. program at Harvard, **Ben Wheeler** will be teaching in Korea and then traveling to Morocco, and **Van Debergh** works for Teach for America on a reservation in New Mexico. **Edmond Cha** is hanging out in Brooklyn, **Emily Yen** is teaching English in Taiwan, **Yong Moon** is a teacher in New York City and **Peggy Chan** works at PwC/Unifi. Peggy recently became engaged to Eric Pessagno '97. Finally, **Erik Tollefson** is in a political studies Ph.D. program at Beijing University.

Michelle Grzan is pursuing investment banking at Lehman Brothers. She lives with Emily Georgitis '01E, who works in equity research at Goldman Sachs. **Rebecca Nathan** works for UBS PaineWebber and lives in the West Village. Also at UBS is **Peter Lewin**, who works in the Global Industrial Group in the Corporate Finance Division, and who lives on the Upper West Side.

Peter's UBS colleague, **Dave Matteini**, reports that **Graham Lawrence** is working for Salomon Smith Barney in its real estate group. Dave worked on a deal with Graham recently. Also at Salomon Smith Barney is **Brian Bedner**, who works long hours in the technology group of its equity capital markets team. Brian's girlfriend, **Liz Griffith**, barely sees him at the apartment they share in Park Slope because of his grueling schedule. At least she gets to enjoy the neighborhood, which seems to her "like a displaced cross-section of Columbia alumni ... I always see people wearing Columbia/Columbia Law/Business or Barnard shirts here." Liz, formerly with an accounting firm in Midtown, has joined Leadership Directors, Inc., a publisher of personnel directories. She is the assistant editor for the *Government Affairs Yellow Book*. She enjoys staying current on the American political scene and loves her office's location in Union Square.

Don Blydenburgh is working as a legal assistant in the litigation department of Davis Polk and Wardwell. It has been a rewarding experience for Don, who worked on a case where the firm provided pro bono work for battered women, specifically, aiding them in filing for divorce in Queens County. Don also is a mentor for a high school student in Brooklyn and is applying to law schools, mainly in the New York City metro area. When not at work, Don can sometimes be found at the Columbia Club, whose facilities he raves about. He urges fellow Columbians to take advantage of this Midtown asset! Don works with classmates **Evangelos Michailidis**, **Daniel Fazio**, **Sanetta Ponton**, Hannah Waldron, '01 Barnard, and Leslie Bark, '01 Barnard. All are doing well.

Nicole Bode lives uptown, not far from Columbia, and interns at the *Daily News* (with **Jon Lemire**). She has been there since May and has had the internship extended several times. She does general reporting; everything from "Rudy press conferences to WTC victims' funerals." Although she describes the experience as "intense," she said it's "probably the best experience I could have hoped for."

Nicole reports that **Meghan Ashford-Grooms** is working at the *Tennessean* in Nashville as a copy

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editor. **Jennifer Garcia** lives on the Upper West Side and is working at a Midtown law office while she applies to law school. **Tanya Dantus** lives in Mexico City, and is back in school at the Ibero (a university there), studying law and student teaching. **Jaeson Kim** works at a small, independent film company in Manhattan and shoots his own film during his free time.

Laura Merz is enrolled at George Washington University where she's working toward her master's degree in forensic science and is working for the Arlington (Va.) police in its cold case division. Her roommate (and my former Schapiro 7 RA), **Elisa Melendez,** is doing well in her fellowship with the National Puerto Rican Coalition. Elisa also teaches ESL classes at night. Laura and Elisa would love to hear from other Columbians in the D.C. area, so get in touch!

Kevin Reed did a great job of coaxing some fellow D.C./CC friends into writing to *CCT*. Kevin works at the U.S. Attorney's Office in D.C. (transnational/ major crimes section), and yes, his office is handling a lot of terrorism issues these days. Kevin has applied to law schools and should be hearing soon.

Genna Weinstein lives with **Mariel Martinez** in D.C. Genna reports that **Amy Kimpel** is teaching middle school English in Harlem and **Jon Vogel** is at Princeton studying economics. Mariel works for the National Council of La Raza, and will be attending law school at Penn in the fall. Mariel reports that **Teresa Genao** lives in New York City and teaches in Washington Heights through the Columbia Urban Teaching program. **Rob Cortes** attends Fordham Law School and lives with **Steve Song** in New York City.

Ramsey Chamie also is living in D.C. and is doing well. He enjoyed a great New Year's celebration in New York City with **Seth Morris, Shreya Kangovi, Dan Fazio** and some others. He reports that **Charles Yackulic** recently got a cell phone, which is "impressive for a kid who went through all of college using a donated Apple II-C … OK, maybe it was a 386, but still…" Ramsey wishes **Rabia Saeed** a happy 23rd birthday!

Samantha Earl has been up to many exciting things, traveling every step of the way. She worked on a film in Vancouver for a few weeks, then came to San Francisco with **Sarah Lightdale** and **Josh Schwartz**. In SF, she had an assortment of "random jobs" before she headed to Paris to take an 11-week photography class.

Sam had various reports on her friends: Sarah is going to NYU Law School in the fall, but not before a springtime jaunt around Europe with Josh. **Marisa DeSaracho** works for a beauty PR firm in New York City; **Abena Boakye** works for Ann Taylor in New York City; **Adrienne Sadeghi-Nejad** works for a rare book store, but is going to begin Columbia Teaching Fellows in the spring/summer; **Sterling Mah** works for Tiffany's in New York City; and **Avrielle Gallagher** works for CBS in Los Angeles.

Also in Los Angeles is my pal **Israel Gordan**, who recently relocated there to work as an assistant director at the camp he has attended/worked at for at least the past 10 summers. He had a relaxing couple of months at home in Longmeadow, Mass., where he worked part-time as a substitute teacher, before making the coastal shift. He is excited about being on the West Coast.

Tashweka Anderson is doing well, teaching math, biology and learning strategies to help emotionally handicapped ninth graders at a high school in Florida. **Noah Lichtman** works at a sports TV production company producing documentaries for ESPN Classic. **Lauren Abraham** traveled for a few months in Asia after graduation before settling into an apartment in Boston. She now works as a strategy/marketing consultant at Simon-Kucher and Partners, a German consulting firm mainly specializing in the healthcare industry. To ring in the New Year, Lauren and **Michael Mahoney** danced and sang with George Clinton and the P-Funk All-Stars in Atlanta.

Patrick Durkan works for Madison Financial Concepts (an executive, corporate and personal benefits firm). He lives with Lauren Alexander '01 Barnard, and **Artie Harris**, and has been throwing "large house parties" at his new apartment in Murray Hill. Patrick recently worked on voter fraud and ballot watching for Michael Bloomberg's mayoral campaign, and organized about 100 Columbians to help on Election Day. Patrick also has committed to make another run for the Olympics in sabre fencing; keep your fingers crossed as Patrick shoots for Athens in 2004.

Lydia Grunstra, whom I ran into at a party at **Dave Matteini**'s apartment near Columbia, works at Random House (for the Knopf imprint) as an editorial assistant and lives on the Upper East Side. Lydia lives with **Amy Weiss**, who works as a research assistant at National Health Promotion Associates, a substance abuse prevention program in Westchester. Lydia reports that **Kelly Oberle** and **Jenny Moussa** also are living in New York City.

Letters

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sense of urgency and an enduring value." Whenever anyone now asks, "How did the College get elitist?" we can say, with assurance, "The Butler did it."

Byron Noone '66
GARDEN CITY, N.Y.

Professor Wallace Gray

I was truly saddened to learn about the death of Professor Wallace Gray *[see page 10]*, English professor since 1953. Professor Gray was one of those great teachers who had a formative role in my intellectual and moral development. His dedication to learning, sense of humor and unconventionality made him unique among faculty. In addition to the Elliot, Joyce and Pound courses that made him famous, he was a great supporter of theater, and together with Professor Bernard Beckerman, also deceased, encouraged students to study drama and stage plays on campus. (He was responsible for an award I received for Distinguished Achievement in the Arts, mainly for directing plays for Columbia Players.)

Professor Gray also provided a great deal of support to gay and "questioning" students at a time that this was not common at Columbia. Although I do not recall him "coming out" per se in the 1970s, he communicated the type of understanding and camaraderie to gay students that was not generally available to us, even in the Stonewall Era. This may have been his greatest legacy and I will always be grateful to him for it.

Spence Halperin '77
NEW YORK

Professor Gray inspired many students, myself included. Although I was closed out of his Lit Hum class as a freshman (didn't get in line early enough!), I was fortunate to take his EJ&P class and his Senior Seminar. I kept only a handful of books from College, but my copies of *Ulysses* and all the other books from EJ&P are among them. Wally was able to take impenetrable texts (or was it our impregnable minds?) and open them to us. He was always funny, always open to ideas and suggestions from students, and never dull. He required us to be prepared and to actively participate in class discussions, but never made anyone feel belittled or uncomfortable if they had trouble with the material. He was a model for all teachers, and he set the bar very high.

In my post-Columbia career, I've done some teaching, both formal and informal. I've always tried to emulate Wally Gray as much as possible. There have been many great instructors at Columbia, but certainly none better. If there is an afterlife, I'm betting that Wally is teaching the *Finnegan's Wake* seminar there.

Kevin G. Chapman '83
PRINCETON JUNCTION, N.J.

Horam Expecta Veniet

In the January issue of *CCT*, Steve Pulimood '03 refers to the inscription on the base of the Sundial, *Horam Expecta Veniet*. The translation he provides is "Await the Hour Will Come." The translation provided to the Class of 1973 when we arrived on campus in 1969 was "Await the hour. It is coming." I have always wondered, however, whether the original intent was a religious one: "Await the hour. He is coming." Whichever translation is correct, I have chosen to add *Horam Expecta Veniet* to collections of graffiti in various odd locations where I hoped a fellow Columbian might recognize them.

Henry Rosenberg '73
NORTHAMPTON, MASS.

War Memorial

What a pleasant surprise to receive a brochure informing me of plans to build a war memorial on campus. A request for a contribution was included and I returned it with a donation.

The memorial, honoring alumni who made the ultimate sacrifice, will be called War Remembrance. The project gave rise to memories of my own, such as when I cleaned out my desk at school in preparation for summer vacation in June 1944 as troops were going ashore and dying on the beaches of Normandy. In June 1950, I was enjoying sun and surf when war broke out in Korea. Other dates and other places came to mind, such as Midway, Tarawa, the Schweinfurt-Regensburg raid and the Da Nang Valley. I don't remember exactly what I was doing at the time of each, but I wasn't in harm's way while others were.

Now, in the wake of 9-11 and the deaths of several thousand civilians, including Columbia alumni, military forces are putting their lives on the line again. The memorial is long overdue, but it couldn't be more timely.

Howard J. Loeb '55
UPPER MONTCLAIR, N.J.

Alumni Corner

Tomorrow's the Future Still, This Is Today

By Gerald Sherwin '55
President, Columbia College Alumni Association

There is always something happening either on or just off the vibrant campus on Morningside Heights. Visitors to the school are amazed by the renovations taking place, the bustling tours, and, of course, the constant activity of the student body.

If you go into Hamilton Hall, you can see many newly renovated classrooms (nothing like the rooms we worked and studied in!) that are part of an ongoing, multi-year renovation project that is transforming the College's signature building. The Admissions Office has moved across the hall on the main floor and is now located in a state-of-the-art space where Executive Director Eric Furda and his crew can be seen intensely working on the make-up of the Class of 2006. The old admissions office is being developed into a center for the Core Curriculum, with conference rooms and resources for faculty who teach the Core classes. Work also has begun on upgrading portions of Low Library, with structural repairs to the roof among the first orders of business.

Off campus, the school and faculty housing complex at 110th Street and Broadway is proceeding nicely, with the opening of the school and the apartments scheduled for 2003 — not that far away. Further uptown near Baker Field, the new boathouse and the tennis center are close to completion. If you add all of these projects to other construction initiatives under way, you can see that Columbia is striving to be the best in terms in offering the most modern facilities to its faculty and students.

Columbia 250, headed by Roger Lehecka '67, has been unfolding with the various committees composed of alumni, faculty, students and administrators meeting regularly to put forth plans and recommendations to make Columbia's 250th anniversary the best celebration ever. It all begins at Homecoming in October 2003.

In the midst of everything taking place, let us not forget that the school is going through a transition of the presidency — the handing of the reins from George Rupp to Lee Bollinger. Since the latter part of 2001, President-select Bollinger has been involved in many meetings and discussions with the trustees, deans, faculty, alumni and students. By the time he officially takes office on July 1, he will be operating at full speed.

A key and most memorable annual event will occur on April 13 — Dean's Day — where the faculty get a chance to show why they are the best in their profession and the alumni have the opportunity to relive their youth in the classroom. For those who haven't attended recently, the stimulating lectures are very topical and diverse, with something of interest for everyone. This is a magnificent day.

Reunion 2002 (May 30–June 2) is just a couple of months away. Judging from the number of people signing up thus far, this year's reunion celebration should surpass the turnout for many previous years. All class reunion committees are pushing hard to create special programs for their their classmates. In addition to the class dinners, there will be special events hosted by numerous reunion celebrants, including Ed Weinstein '57, Saul Cohen '57, Paul Alter '62, Jerry Speyer '62, Conrad Lung '72, Jim Lukomnik '77 and Dave Perlman '87.

There will be many great events for members of all reunion classes, including Broadway shows and tours of the campus and city sites, as well as special presentations by Professor of History Ken Jackson and Ric Burns '78 on the city of New York, and David Denby '65 on understanding the Core Curriculum in today's society. In addition to the Dean's Reception on Friday night, the highly popular Alumni Dance Party will be held in the Hammerstein Ballroom for young alumni (or those who feel young). Nearly 1,000 partygoers attended last year and danced until the wee hours of the morning. It will be preceded by a new event that promises to be lively and exciting: Casino Royale.

You can feel the surge of energy all around Columbia. Good things are happening.

Gerald Sherwin '55
PHOTO: MICHAEL DAMES

With all that is going on, Dean Austin Quigley seems to be everywhere — at almost every event, meeting, ceremony and so forth. In fact, last semester the dean had a key role (singing and dancing) in the student-produced show *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*. The reviews were awesome!

You can feel the surge of energy all around Columbia. Good things are happening. If you want to become part of it, we'll find a place for you. You can always reach me at gs481@juno.com. Thanks for your continued support.

Lion's Court Is No More

For many years, Columbia students were able to play a leisurely game of tennis in front of John Jay Hall, at the southern end of the Van Am Quad. But six years ago, faced with the impending closing of Ferris Booth Hall to make way for the new Lerner Hall student center, the tennis court gave way to a temporary structure — formally known as the Lion's Court, informally known as the tin can, tin box or "that eyesore." Spartan, functional but never a thing of beauty, Lion's Court served as a temporary student center and bookstore and later provided office space for various administrative units as campus renovations were taking place. It also was a handy place to hang a banner at Class Day ceremonies. But while students were away for their semester break, the tin can came clattering down into a pile of rubble. In its place will be an outdoor seating area bordered by planting beds and a patio extension of the John Jay dining room. The project is scheduled for completion in May.

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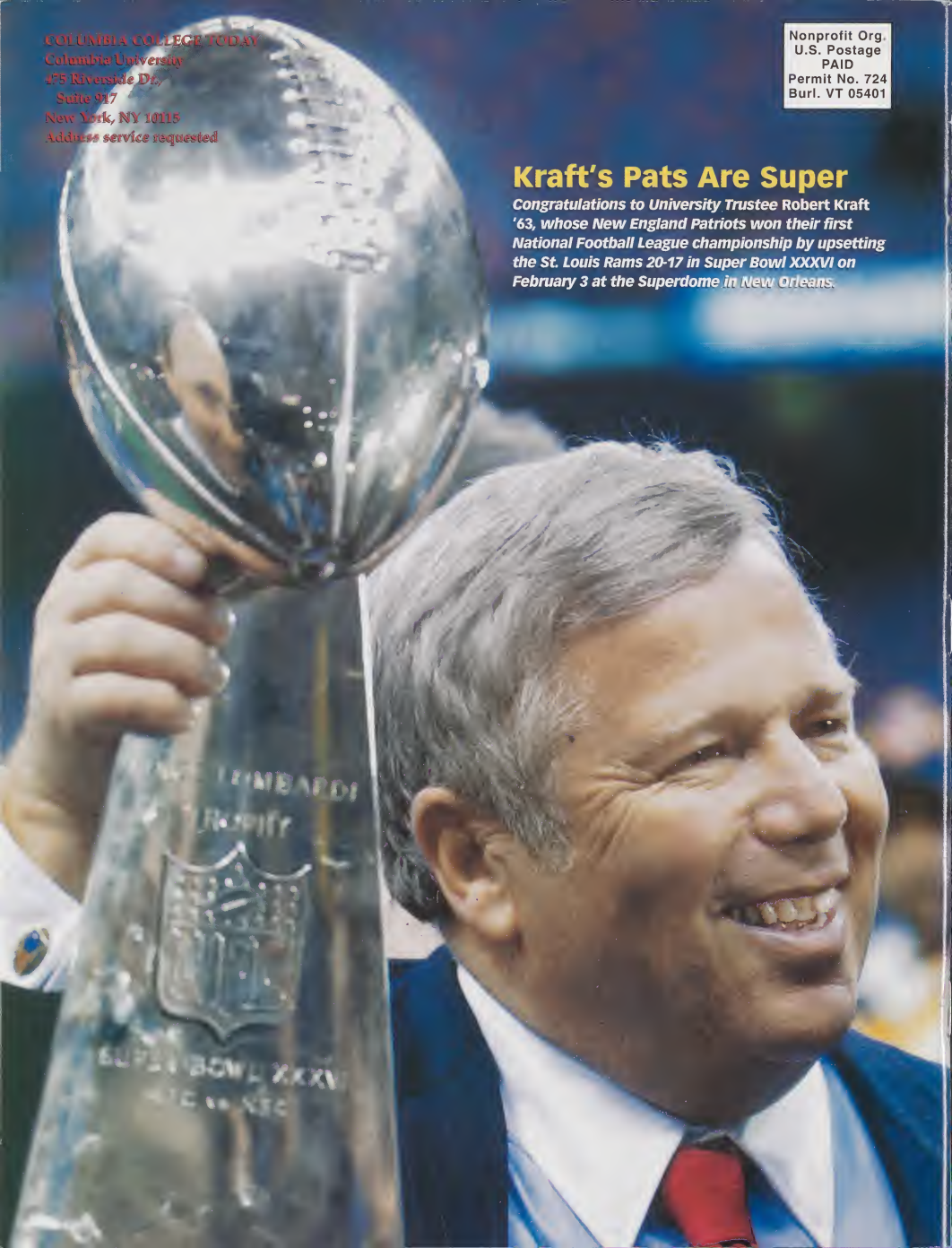

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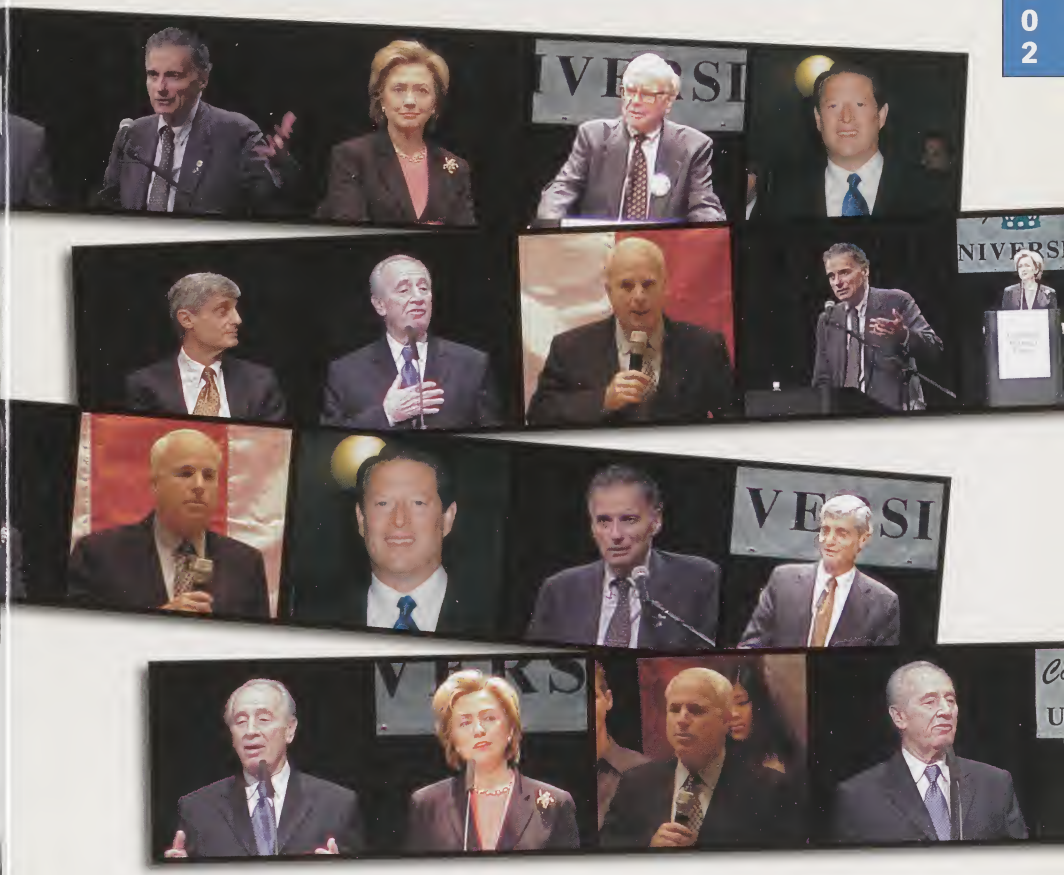

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FALL SEMESTER 2002

Tuesday	Tuesday	Saturday	Saturday
AUGUST 27 First-Year Students Orientation begins	SEPTEMBER 3 First Day of Classes	OCTOBER 5 Homecoming (vs. Princeton)	OCTOBER 5 4th Annual Black Alumni Homecoming
Friday–Saturday	**Thursday**	**Thursday–Friday**	**Monday**
OCTOBER 11–12 First-Year Family Weekend	NOVEMBER 14 Alexander Hamilton Medal Dinner	NOVEMBER 28–29 Thanksgiving Break	DECEMBER 9 Last Day of Classes

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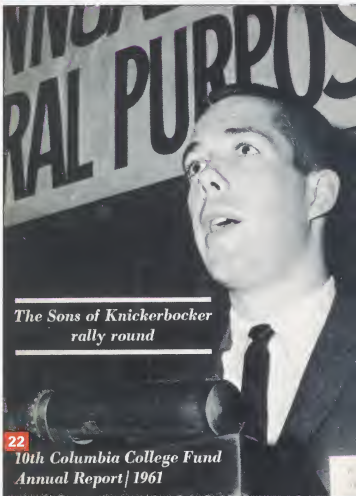

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Back in Class

Hilary Ballon's article on "The Architecture of Columbia" was great — I felt as if I was back in my Art Humanities class.

The McKim, Mead & White 1915 plan reprinted on page 19 of *CCT* shows a symmetrical campus. Some buildings were never constructed, but there is a building on the campus not shown on the plan. I refer to the old red brick building (now known as Buell Hall) up on the level of the Kent Hall entrance; it predates the 1915 plan and is inconsistent with the symmetry and architecture of the campus.

My understanding is that it was one of the buildings of the Bloomingdale Insane Asylum when the Asylum sold its property to Columbia. According to the sale transaction, Columbia agreed never to destroy that building. Indeed, at one time, it was located down at the 116th Street level (now College Walk) and it was moved up to its present level later.

Buell Hall

Based on the 1915 plan, it appears that it was intended that the old building would not remain on the campus. Is it true that it is still there because of some condition of the original purchase?

By the way, in my office we displayed a large 1881 map of New York on which the site of the current Columbia campus is marked by a green rectangle on which the words "Lunatic Asylum" appear. I never miss an opportunity to point that out to Columbia graduates.

Paul R. Herman '58, '61L
ENGLEWOOD, N.J.

[Editor's note: According to Professor Ballon, Mr. Herman is correct. A stipulation of the purchase of the campus site was that the former Bloomingdale Asylum would not be destroyed.]

A brief correction to Hilary Ballon's interesting piece on the Columbia campus in your January issue, in which she states that Butler Library "was not named after President Butler until 1949, a year after his retirement." Such a date would, I am afraid, have required a posthumous resignation, something even he would have been incapable of. Butler retired in 1945, the library was named after him in 1946, and he died in 1947.

Michael Rosenthal
ROBERTA AND WILLIAM CAMPBELL
PROFESSOR IN THE HUMANITIES
NEW YORK CITY

Professor Wallace Gray

I was saddened to read in the March issue of *CCT* of the death of Wallace Gray.

I noted in your tribute to Professor Gray the omission of his course in public speaking, which predated his full professorship and popular course on Eliot, Joyce and Pound. Those of us who were fortunate enough to attend his course in those days were transformed into adept public speakers through his inspired teaching and personal attention to each student in the class.

To this day, when I receive a compliment on a speech I have given, I always tell the person: "Thanks, but I really owe it all to a college professor of mine named Wallace Gray."

John C. Dibble '68
GREAT FALLS, VA.

Columbia Basketball

When Armond Hill was hired as basketball coach, it seemed like a good idea. His credentials were superior: former NBA player, assistant coach in Princeton's excellent program, commanding presence, polish, black American capable of attracting minority athletes … what more could one expect? However, the results have been most disappointing. He has not been a successful coach.

The past several years of mediocre performance might have been excused by lack of talent and key injuries. This year was to be the true test, because he had excellent talent at his disposal. Not only was Craig Austin '02 one of the Ivy League's top players, but he was supported by other excellent shooters in Joe Case '02 and Treg Duerksen '02, and enough height for the team to hold its own under the boards, a rarity for the Lions. With an 11–17 record overall and a 4–10 Ivy League record, the team clearly underperformed with this material.

A fundamental problem is that Coach Hill has never been able to develop an

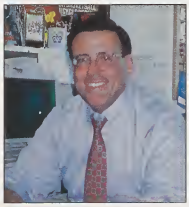
WITHIN THE FAMILY

Living a Liberal Arts Life

One year ago, at Class Day, Dean Austin Quigley spoke of the importance of students becoming explorers with a wide range of knowledge. This depth of understanding is the hallmark of a Columbia College liberal arts education, and in today's unpredictable world, where career paths are almost certain to take multiple zigs and zags over the years, it seems more important than ever.

In editing this magazine, I am constantly reminded of the different directions in which College alumni have taken their liberal arts education. Each time I read Class Notes, I see the remarkable diversity in our alumni body. For instance, I knew that the new governor of New Jersey (James E. McGreevey '78) was an alumnus, but I didn't know that the new U.S. ambassador to Vietnam (Raymond F. Burghardt Jr. '67) was one as well. I knew we had a Pro Bowl football star (Marcellus Wiley '97) in our ranks, but not a world-class Ultimate Frisbee player (Heidi Pomfret '92).

The same is true for our student body. Some of the things that today's students are doing, in and out of the classroom, are truly remarkable, and we hope to bring more of their accomplishments to your attention in the future.



In our last issue, we reported on the Subway Project, where suggestions formulated by students in a seminar to improve the subway stations in the Columbia area will be brought to the attention of city officials and may actually be implemented. We also profiled Charlotte MacInnis '02, a noted television personality in China who majored in theater at the College and whose diverse background should help her find a niche in the competitive field of acting.

In this issue, we recognize significant awards won by five students — Cyrus Habib '03 and Robbie Majzner '03 won Truman Fellowships, Jacob Barandes '04 and Victoria Sharon '03 won Goldwater Scholarships and Mary Rozenman '03 won a Udall Scholarship.

We also profile two more performing artists whose careers are well on their way: cellist Alisa Weilerstein '04, who has performed with some of the leading orchestras in the world, and jazz pianist/vocalist Peter Cincotti '05, a protégé of Harry Connick Jr. who already has headlined at major clubs. In the past, we've noted the achievements of other students in the arts, including twins Emily Bruskin '02 and Julia Bruskin '02, classical musicians who have played at Lincoln Center, and two undergraduates who already have achieved stardom in acting, Julia Stiles '04 and Anna Paquin '04. Their ability to balance College classwork with world-class performing arts careers is noteworthy indeed.

As another school year comes to a close, we congratulate all those mentioned above and offer special congratulations to all members of the Class of '02 who join the ranks of College alumni this month.

Alex Sachare

effective offense. When Columbia reaches the offensive half of the court, the ball moves without purpose around the fringe, with no employment of basic picks or other standard devices that would create open jump shots. Plays should have been run so that Austin got at least 15 open touches a game, or if he were doubled to prevent this, Case or Duerksen would have been free. And then there is the question of reaching the offensive end. The Princeton game on February 1 was the most dramatic of several examples of a fundamental inability to cope with the press.

Other examples of bad coaching could be offered, such as allowing an open three-point shot with a two-point lead and seconds remaining (the last Princeton game). However, one of the most disturbing problems is Hill's referee baiting. Not only does this result in technical fouls that can lose a game, but it distracts from concentration on how to correct problems as they are occurring and is a deplorable example of bad sportsmanship.

One hopes that the Athletics Department is not in denial about this coaching situation. If Columbia has not succeeded with this group, there is little hope that Coach Hill can produce a successful program in the future. As hard as it would be to start over with a new coach, sometimes this is the step that must be taken.

Richard D. Kuhn '55
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

[Editor's note: Director of Athletics John A. Reeves responds:]

Mr. Kuhn and I agree that when Armond Hill was hired in 1995, it "seemed like a good idea." Mr. Kuhn points out that coach Hill and his staff recruited well. The players mentioned, Craig Austin, Joe Case and Treg Duerksen, are exceptional, as are other young men on the team.

Since the appointment of Armond Hill, Columbia basketball has improved significantly. The overall record during his seven years as head coach is 70–116, in contrast to 56–126 during the seven-year period before he was named head coach.

A more objective measure of program improvement is the Ratings Percentage Index. The RPI is a nationally recognized standard that takes into consideration won-loss records and strength of schedules. When Armond Hill assumed the leadership of our basketball program in 1995, our RPI was 298; today it is 214. This means that the Columbia basketball program has passed, and is better than, 84 more Division I teams compared to what it was before Armond's arrival.

The Columbia basketball program appears to be going in the right direction and I plan to continue to provide Armond Hill, his staff and players with full support.

John A. Reeves

P.S.: Mr. Kuhn, Armond Hill asked me to extend an offer to you to meet with him and personally discuss your concerns.

AROUND THE QUADS

Reunion Weekend May 30–June 2 To Celebrate Columbia, New York

BY TIMOTHY P. CROSS

Reunion weekend, an opportunity to catch up with old friends, see the many improvements on campus and take advantage of New York culture and nightlife, is May 30–June 2 for alumni from classes that end in 2 or 7.

Following last year's successful model, reunion now covers four days, beginning on Thursday night, when reunion-goers can purchase discount tickets (first come, first served) to a selection of Broadway shows. When the theaters let out, the College will host a reception at Sardi's, the famous theater-district restaurant.

Friday morning and afternoon features walking tours of campus, Central Park, Harlem and the Cathedral of St. John the Divine as well as a bus trip (tickets required) to the Rockefeller family's Kykuit Estate near Tarrytown, N.Y. Alumni will be able to listen to the Admissions Office staff describe the admissions process, hear David Denby '65 (the author of *Great Books*) speak on the Core Curriculum in today's society or simply relax, listen to music and enjoy a bistro lunch on Low Plaza. In the evening, the Classes of '42, '52, '57 and '62 will have class cocktail parties, and Dean Austin Quigley will host a reception at the America's Society on Park Avenue.

Later that night, everyone is invited to the Hammerstein Ballroom in the Manhattan Center on West 34th Street for Casino Royale, where your "Columbia Cash" can be redeemed for Columbia merchandise. The tables will remain in play after 10 p.m., when alumni (from the Classes of 1987–2002) from the College, Barnard and SEAS gather in the ballroom for the second annual alumni dance party, hosted by the Columbia College Alumni Association.

Saturday begins with the Dean's Brunch and Convocation, when Dean Quigley will address alumni and present dean's pins to reunion volunteers. The day's activities include Professor of History Ken Jackson, president of the New-York Historical Society, and Ric Burns '78, director of *New York: A Documentary Film*, discussing post-September 11 New York City; class panels and discussions; and jazz, volleyball and a barbeque on South Field and Low Plaza. On Saturday night, classes will have their individual receptions, dinners and class photos, with all reunion-goers invited to attend the Starlight Reception on Low Plaza in the evening.

Alumni from reunion classes should have received reunion information and a registration packet in March. Online registration, a complete program of events (including class-specific activities), information on housing, child care, parking and other general information, and frequently asked questions are available on the College's reunion Web site: www.college.columbia.edu/alumni/reunion.

If you have other questions, please call the Alumni Office toll-free at (866) CCALUMNI, or e-mail to ccreunion@columbia.edu.

Reunion is a special time for alumni to return to campus and see changes that have taken place since they graduated, renew old friendships with classmates as well as make new ones, and enjoy a taste of what New York has to offer.
PHOTOS: EILEEN BARROSO

Bollinger Bringing Kasdin, Feagin From Michigan

By Alex Sachare '71

President-elect Lee C. Bollinger is bringing with him two of his key aides at the University of Michigan, Robert Kasdin and Susan K. Feagin.

Kasdin has been named to the newly created position of senior executive vice president, and Feagin has been named vice president for development and alumni relations. Both will assume their positions on July 1. Kasdin had been executive vice president and chief financial officer at Michigan and Feagin had been vice president for development.

Kasdin will help Bollinger shape his new administration, and will apply his management and financial expertise to a variety of departments and programs, including areas in health sciences and university computing. "As new initiatives begin, Kasdin's portfolio will expand," according to the announcement of his appointment.

"Having worked closely with Robert for the past five years, I can say without qualification that he is one of the finest, most creative academic administrators in the nation," said Bollinger in announcing the appointment. "Columbia is experiencing remarkable institutional momentum, with the happy consequence that there are more and more things to be done. Robert is an ideal person to add now to ensure that we accomplish as much as we possibly can in the years ahead."

At Michigan, Kasdin had oversight responsibility for the financial health of the university, including its schools, colleges and health care system. He had direct responsibility for Michigan's $8 billion balance sheet; financial controls and audited financial statements; financial operations supporting the $3.8 billion operating budget; the $5 billion investment portfolio; a human resources and employee benefits administration supporting 30,000 employees; administrative computing; operations and maintenance for 25 million square feet of facilities; and the planning, design and construction of capital projects with an average annual budget of $150 million.

Kasdin previously served as treasurer and chief investment officer of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, where he was responsible for the museum's $1.1 billion investment portfolio, determining and executing debt strategies, and managing financial operations and accounting.

Robert Kasdin

Kasdin graduated from Princeton in 1980 and received his J.D. from Harvard in 1983. He was a corporate attorney at Davis Polk and Wardwell from 1983–88 before becoming vice president and general counsel of the Princeton University Investment Company, the organization that oversees the investment of Princeton's endowment. He moved to the Metropolitan in 1993.

Feagin received a B.A. from General Studies in 1974 and served for eight years on the General Studies Advisory Council. She began her fund-raising career here before joining Harvard's development office in 1975. She returned to Columbia in 1982 as campaign director for Arts and Sciences, and in 1986 she was named executive director of the Campaign for Arts and Sciences and Professional Schools during a five-year drive that raised $500 million for the University.

In 1987, she returned to Harvard as associate director of university development for planning and external relations. In 1990, she was named associate dean for development for the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, and in 1996 she became director of university development, responsible for overseeing a $2.1 billion fund-raising effort at Harvard.

She accepted a vice presidency at Michigan in 1998, and under her leadership, Michigan raised $230.6 million in Fiscal Year 2000 and $218 in FY2001, both substantial increases over previous school records for annual fund raising.

"Susan Feagin is the best at what she does," said Bollinger. "She also is a person of great dedication to Columbia and an extraordinarily good person to work with. I am delighted that she is returning."

Feagin succeeds Richard Naum, who announced his resignation in January, effective June 30. Naum, who headed UDAR for the past 11 years, oversaw the 10-year Campaign for Columbia that raised $2.84 billion, one of the largest fund-raising efforts by any university. Also, Anne M. McSweeney has announced her plans to retire from her

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position as deputy vice president and special adviser to the president for development, effective June 30. McSweeney came to Columbia in 1977 from a career in advertising and public relations and served for 25 years under three presidents — William McGill, Michael Sovern and George Rupp — during a period that saw annual fund raising climb to an all-time high of $358.7 million last year.

Sachs, Noted Economist, To Head Earth Institute

Harvard University Professor Jeffrey D. Sachs has been named director of Columbia's Earth Institute, effective July 1. Sachs, who serves as an economic adviser to several governments and is a special adviser to the United Nations, is widely considered one of the most important economists in the world.

At Columbia, Sachs will be professor of economics, international and public affairs and health policy and management, with appointments in three schools: Arts and Sciences, the School of International and Public Affairs and the Mailman School of Public Health. Sachs' appointment was made jointly by President George Rupp and his successor, Lee C. Bollinger. He will report to Provost Jonathan R. Cole '64 on the operations of the Earth Institute as an academic research and teaching unit and to the president on matters pertaining to the development of the institute's global agenda.

At Harvard, where he has been since he entered as a first-year 29 years ago, Sachs is director of the Center for International Development and Galen L. Stone Professor of International Trade. He also is former director of the Harvard Institute for International Development and a research associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research. During 2000–01, he chaired the Commission on Macroeconomics and Health of the World Health Organization, and from September 1999 through March 2000, he served as a member of the International Financial Institutions Advisory Commission, which was established by Congress. Sachs also serves as co-chairman of the Advisory Board of The Global Competitiveness Report, and has been a consultant to the IMF, the World Bank, the OECD and the United Nations Development Program.

During 1986–90, Sachs was an adviser to the president of Bolivia, and from 1988–90, he advised the governments of Argentina, Brazil, Ecuador and Venezuela on financial reform. In 1989, he advised Poland's Solidarity movement on economic reforms, and at the request of the Solidarity leadership, prepared a draft program of radical economic transformation. After August 1989, he advised Poland's first post-communist government on the introduction of radical economic reforms in 1990 and 1991. From fall 1991 through January 1994, he led a team of economic advisers for Russian President Boris Yeltsin on issues of macroeconomic stabilization, privatization, market liberalization and international financial relations.

Sachs founded a non-governmental research unit, the Institute for Economic Analysis, in Moscow. In addition, he advised the Slovenian and Estonian governments on the introduction of new national currencies in 1991 and 1992. During 1991–93, he advised the Mongolian government on macroeconomic reforms and privatization.

In January 1998, Sachs was the first foreigner in the 43-year history of Japan's Liberal Democratic Party to be asked to deliver a keynote address at the LDP national convention. Sachs also served as the economic adviser to the Jubilee 2000 movement, meeting with Pope John Paul II; he previously met with the pope in 1990 as a member of a group of economists invited to confer with the Pontifical Council on Justice and Peace in advance of the Papal Encyclical Centesimus Annus.

Sachs' research interests include the links of health and development, economic geography, globalization, transition to market economies in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, international financial markets, international macroeconomic policy coordination, emerging markets, economic development and growth, global competitiveness and macroeconomic policies in developing and developed countries.

The Earth Institute, a leader in earth systems teaching and research, is a federation of eight research and teaching centers: Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, Goddard Institute for Space Studies at Columbia, Biosphere 2 Center, Center for Environmental Research and Conservation, Earth Engineering Center, International Research Institute for Climate Prediction, Center for International Earth Science Information Network, and Laboratory of Populations, which is a joint venture of Columbia and Rockefeller University.

Sachs has published more than 100 scholarly articles and has authored or edited myriad books. He has received numerous awards and honors, including membership in several academies and societies. In addition, he is a member of the Brookings Panel of Economists, the Board of Advisors of the Chinese Economists Society and several other organizations.

Sachs received his B.A. in 1976, M.A. in 1978 and Ph.D. in 1980, all from Har-

Alumni Dance Party May 31

Alumni from the Classes of 1987–2002 are invited to the second annual alumni dance party, which will be held on Friday, May 31, at the Hammerstein Ballroom in the Manhattan Center, 311 West 34th Street. Doors open at 10 p.m. Last year's party drew nearly 1,000 alumni from the College, Barnard and SEAS, and this year's event promises to be even bigger and better. A $10 cover takes care of the bar and midnight buffet.

Reunion-goers from the Classes of 1987, 1992, and 1997 can sign up for the party when registering for Reunion Weekend. Everyone else is asked to pay the $10 cover charge at the door. Alumni can RSVP in advance via the online alumni calendar of events at www.college.columbia.edu/alumni/events, or just show up on May 31.

Last year's dance party lit up the Hammerstein Ballroom.
PHOTO: LOU ROCCO

vard. He joined the faculty there as an assistant professor in 1980 and was promoted to associate professor in 1982 and full professor in 1983.

L.P.

Crow Named President at Arizona State

Michael M. Crow, executive vice provost, has been named president of Arizona State University. Crow, a professor of science and technology policy at SIPA, has been at Columbia since 1992 and has spearheaded some of the University's most innovative programs, including the Columbia Earth Institute and the University's digital learning initiatives. Before moving into his current position in 1998, Crow held other administrative positions at Columbia: vice provost of the University, vice provost for research, and associate vice provost for science and engineering.

Crow has been a consultant for Arizona State for the past 10 years, helping to plan the university's strategic research agenda.

This is not the first time that Crow has been considered for a university presidency. Last January, he was listed as a finalist for the presidency of his alma mater, Iowa State.

As executive vice provost, Crow oversaw Columbia's research enterprise, technology and innovation transfer operations, strategic initiative program, interdisciplinary program development and an assortment of special projects. Under his leadership, Columbia, through Science and Technology Ventures (formerly known as Columbia Innovation Enterprise), has consistently ranked at or near the top of universities nationally in the amount of income it receives in patent and license revenue. In the most recent rankings, Columbia was second only to the entire University of California system.

Crow was instrumental in developing Columbia's three-part digital, online education strategy, encompassing the Columbia Center for New Media Teaching and Learning, Columbia Digital Knowledge Ventures, and Fathom, to enhance campus-based learning at the University and to disseminate the expertise of the Columbia faculty to a wider audience. Crow also played the lead role in the creation of the Earth Institute, a leader in earth systems teaching and research, and helped found Columbia's Center for Science, Policy and Outcomes in Washington, D.C., an intellectual center dedicated to linking science and technology to desired social, economic, environmental and other outcomes.

"With vision and a seemingly inexhaustible reserve of energy, Crow has helped Columbia anticipate and take best advantage of the trends that are reshaping American research universities," said President George Rupp. "He has been a great colleague, and his contributions to the University, especially in environmental studies, science policy and digital learning technologies, will be felt at Columbia for many years to come. Arizona State University has made an excellent choice. He will be greatly missed, but I wish him great success in this new endeavor."

L.P.

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Student Performers Shine at Steinway

Monica Davis '05 and Philip Rapoport '05 performed Johannes Brahms's "Quintet in B Minor for Clarinet and Strings" at the third annual Steinway Gala Concert on April 4. The other performers in the quintet were Abigail Ebin '05, violin, Columbia/Juilliard exchange student Alicia Lee, clarinet, and Laura Usiskin '05, cello.

The concert featured 20 students from the Music Performance Program who performed seven pieces ranging from Brahms and Bach to contemporary composer Rodion Schedrin. More than 100 students, family members, alumni, faculty and administrators attended the concert, which was held at Steinway Hall on West 57th Street in Manhattan. Music Performance Program Director Deborah Bradley (who organized the concert), Dean Austin Quigley and Professor of Music Elaine Sisman spoke before the performances.

The Music Performance Program seeks to enable students to develop as musicians within Columbia's academic setting by providing and facilitating opportunities for musical instruction, participation and performance. The program offers private lessons and sponsors performing ensembles.

T.P.C.

CAMPUS NEWS

■ RUPP TO BE HONORED: The Columbia College Alumni Association has announced that President George Rupp will receive the 2002 Alexander Hamilton Medal at a black-tie dinner on Thursday, November 14, in Low Memorial Library.

Rupp, the University's 18th president, will retire from Columbia on May 31; he will assume the presidency of the International Rescue Committee, one of the world's leading refugee relief agencies, this summer. Rupp will be the seventh former University president honored with the Hamilton medal, which is bestowed annually on an alumnus or member of the faculty in recognition of distinguished service and accomplishment. It is the highest tribute that can be paid to a member of the Columbia College community.

■ TRUSTEE: Faye Wattleton, a former president of Planned Parenthood Federation of America and a major voice in the national

debate over reproductive rights and family planning policy, has been elected a University Trustee. Wattleton led Planned Parenthood, the nation's oldest and largest voluntary reproductive health organization, from 1978–92. During her tenure, the organization became a chief advocate for abortion rights and grew into the nation's seventh largest charity, providing medical and educational services to four million Americans each year. In 1992, Wattleton co-founded the Center for Gender Equality, an independent research and educational institution that advances equality for women, of which she is now president.

A graduate of Ohio State University, Wattleton taught labor and delivery room nursing before attending Columbia's graduate program in maternal health and infant health care. She holds an M.S., with a certification as a nurse-midwife, from Columbia. Wattleton has been awarded 12 honorary degrees, was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in 1993, and has received the American Humanist Award, the American Public Health Association's Award for Excellence, and the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Humanitarian Award, among other distinctions.

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■ GRAY REMEMBERED: Nearly 100 alumni, students, faculty and administrators gathered on April 4 in St. Paul's Chapel to remember Professor Emeritus of English and Comparative Literature Wallace Gray, who died on December 21. Adjunct Associate Professor of English and Comparative Literature Eileen Gillooly, administrative director of the Core Curriculum, welcomed the guests. Gray's "responsiveness to his students," she said, was a major influence on her own teaching. Alumni speakers included Anthony Rudel '79, who dedicated his recent novel, *Imagining Don Giovanni*, to Gray; Roger Blumberg '83, who described Gray as "a very great teacher"; Roosevelt Montas '95, who described Gray's Literature Humanities class as "the central place where I tried to make sense of my experience"; and Timothy Queenan '00, who praised Gray's Lit Hum classes as "a breed unto themselves."

Student Benjamin Fishman '03 said Gray "not only taught us all how to read but also taught us how to be our own teachers." Cathy Popkin, Lionel Trilling Professor in the Humanities and a former chair of the Literature Humanities program, urged the audience: "Let us agree that we will never forget to acknowledge Wallace Gray."

Columbia has established a fund in Gray's memory. Contributions may be sent to the Wallace A. Gray Memorial Fund, c/o Eileen Gillooly, Columbia University, 418 Hamilton Hall, 1130 Amsterdam Ave., MC 2811, New York, NY 10027.

■ BYNUM NAMED: University Professor Caroline Bynum, a medieval historian and Columbia's highest-ranking female professor, is taking a position with the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton to allow her more time for research. In 1999, she became the first woman to be named a University Professor, Columbia's top faculty honor. A former MacArthur fellow who helped create the Institute for Women and Gender Studies at Columbia, Bynum will not sever her Columbia ties completely; she will hold the title of university professor emerita "on leave," and continue to work with Columbia students.

■ ON DISPLAY: An exhibition of paintings by Leslee Fetner of the

Alumni Office will be held from May 16–June 21 in the Lobby Gallery of the Interchurch Center in New York. The exhibition, entititled "Simple & Fresh: Painterly Images in Watercolor Monotype," is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. and is free. The Interchurch Center, which houses the Alumni Office, is located at 475 Riverside Drive at 120th Street.

STUDENT NEWS

■ AWARDED: Five College students have won prestigious fellowships and scholarships. Cyrus Habib '03 and Robbie Majzner '03 have won Truman Fellowships, which are awarded by The Harry S. Truman Foundation to college students who have outstanding leadership potential, plan to pursue careers in government or elsewhere in public service and wish to attend graduate school to help prepare for their careers. Habib majors in English and is pursuing a double concentration in computer science and Middle Eastern studies. Majzner is a premedical major with a concentration in computer science. The award supports the last year of undergraduate school and up to three years of graduate school. In total, the individual awards amount to $30,000 each. In addition to the grant, recipients participate in leadership development programs and have special opportunities with internships and employment with the federal government. During the last six years, 11 Columbia students have received Truman fellowships.

Jacob Barandes '04 and Victoria Sharon '03 have won Goldwater Scholarships. The Barry M. Goldwater Foundation provides a continuing source of highly qualified scientists, mathematicians and engineers by awarding scholarships to students who intend to pursue careers in these fields. Barandes is pursuing a double major in physics and math, and Sharon is a biology major. Goldwater Scholarships support tuition and fees up to $7,000, and the grants are renewable for a second year. Sixteen Columbia students have won Goldwater scholarships during the past six years.

Mary Rozenman '03 has been awarded a Udall Scholarship. Named for Morris K. Udall, it is awarded to undergraduate students who intend to pursue careers related to the environment. Rozenman majors in biochemistry and is pursuing a concentration in Russian. The scholarship covers eligible expenses for tuition, fees, books and room and board up to $5,000.

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Students Dance To Raise Dollars

Students participating in the second annual Columbia University Dance Marathon at Lerner Hall on February 9–10 raised more than $140,000 for the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation. Each of the 86 dancers raised $500 in order to take part in the 28-hour event and was sponsored by one of Columbia's campus organizations. The marathon, in which dancers remained on their feet for the entire time, raised more than $95,000 in cash donations and $48,000 in in-kind gifts and attracted corporate sponsors and celebrity supporters, including Kate Shindle (1998 Miss America) and Cynthia Nixon '88 Barnard (*Sex and the City*). Hundreds of members of the University community attended the marathon, which is quickly becoming a popular way for students to boost awareness and resources for the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation. For more about the dance marathon, visit the CUDM Web site at www.cudm.org.

KATE THURSBY '03

2000–01 Fund Report Corrections

The following donors made contributions to the Columbia College Fund during the 2000–01 fiscal year. Due to an oversight, their names were omitted from the 2000–01 Annual Report. We gratefully acknowledge their gifts now and offer them our sincere apologies.

Roll of Alumni Donors

Class of 1931: Granville W. Lee *(deceased)* — Honor Roll
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Class of 1967: Stephen M. Sachs — John Jay Fellow

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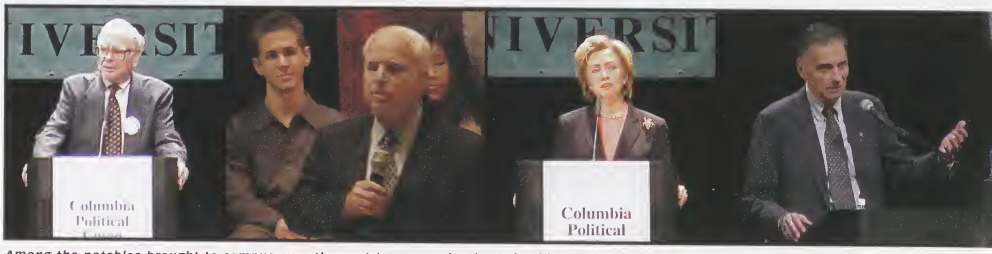
CPU Brings Beltway To Broadway

A revived non-partisan Columbia Political Union fills a void on campus by hosting guest speakers, distributing literature on hot topics, organizing panel discussions and even publishing a magazine

By Jonathan Lemire '01



Among the notables brought to campus over the past two years by the Columbia Political Union are (from left) Warren Buffet, John McCain,

Hillary Clinton. Al Gore. John McCain. Bill Bradley. Ralph Nader. Such a set of political heavyweights can usually only be found power-lunching in a Washington, D.C., steakhouse (at separate tables, of course), or perhaps appearing on a particularly ambitious *Meet the Press* episode. However, in the span of one calendar year, they all journeyed to a college campus far from the Beltway.

More noteworthy still is that the campus that they chose — a political hotbed in the 1960s — has re-emerged as an important political stage, and one student group has led the charge.

"We felt that there was a political void at Columbia," says Yoni Applebaum '03, general manager of the Columbia Political Union. "There was a feeling on campus that political events were dangerous and only led to polarization and controversy. The purpose of the CPU is to restore political dialogue."

Judging from the impressive roster of speakers that the CPU has helped bring to campus since its founding in January 2000, it has done just that, though the organization is far more than simply a platform for the politically powerful to share their views with undergraduates. The CPU also publishes pamphlets (40,000 last year alone) that highlighted the debate over hot-button topics that included Social Security and the budget; hosts frequent panel discussions with political and faculty representatives, engaging students in topics such as the death penalty and campaign finance reform; and even publishes a magazine, *Columbia Political Review*, which is available for download at the group's Web site (www.columbia.edu/cu/cpu).

The CPU has come a long way from its birth (or rebirth) on a crowded bus on the way to wintry New Hampshire. "Our first formal activity was to sponsor a group of about 50 students to travel to New Hampshire for the initial 2000 presidential primary to support their chosen candidate," Applebaum, a history major from Newton, Mass., recalls. "Its success encouraged us to think bigger."

The re-emergence of the CPU (a group with that name has existed since the 1950s, according to Applebaum, but has been dormant) on campus as a political player was the brainchild of Marc Dunkelman '01, the organization's founder and original general manager. The thinking was simple: make the concept of unification more important than party lines, and get inherently opposing student groups (such as the College Democrats and Republicans) to co-sponsor events and have their leaders sit on the CPU's executive board.

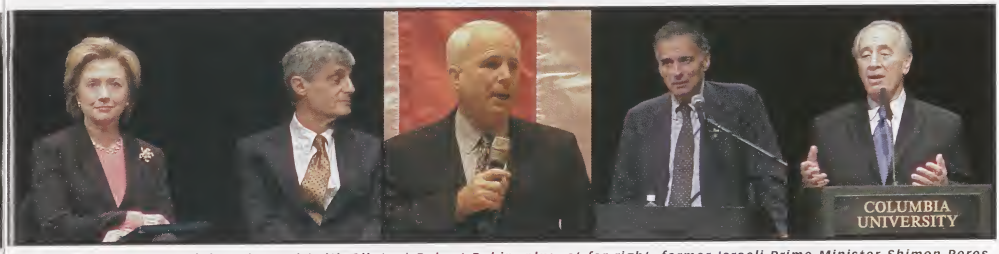
Working on the assumption that political extremism only further alienated and ostracized students, the CPU aimed to be a venue for all students to have a voice and feel as though they belonged in the political world. "If you're going to excite politically interested folks, and certainly if you hope to inspire apathetic corners of the campus, you're going to need to bring people with differing viewpoints together and let the sparks fly," Dunkelman says. "Possibly the CPU's most important contribution is that it provides a safe forum for political debate, allowing students to appreciate the nuances of different arguments and form their own opinions."

After conquering the snow in New Hampshire, the CPU was faced with a more difficult task if it wanted to remain relevant in the 2000 election year — energizing a politically apathetic student body.

"For almost 30 years, no group on campus tried to forge an arena for real political debate and interaction," says Dunkelman, who now works for the Senate Judiciary Committee under Senator Joseph Biden (D-Del.). "Once the CPU did, the response was overwhelming."

Buoyed by the natural interest in a presidential election, even the CPU's initial events were well-attended: speeches by presidential candidate Bill Bradley on the nation's economy and Senator Paul Wellstone (D-Minn.) on welfare reform drew large crowds to the Roone Arledge Auditorium in Lerner Hall. A March 2000 editorial in *Spectator* lauded the CPU for "bringing much-needed political discourse to Columbia after years of absence." A CPU-sponsored voter registration drive was similarly applauded.

The list of nationally-known speakers to descend the ramps at Lerner for speeches that spring began to look like the guest list for *Larry King Live*. After columnist Arianna Huffington spoke on campaign finance reform in March, presidential candidate and Senator John McCain (R-Ariz.) arrived a few weeks later to touch upon the same subject.



Hillary Clinton, Ralph Nader and (with Clinton) Robert Rubin, plus, at far right, former Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

But while the student body continued to pack the Roone to get a glimpse of figures usually only visible on C-SPAN or the Sunday political talk shows, the CPU encountered some resistance in trying to bring other speakers to campus. "The CPU's emergence was met with a certain degree of hesitancy by the administration," Dunkelman contends. "They were initially reluctant to permit political candidates to appear on campus, not only for concerns about nonprofit regulations, but also possibly — and justifiably, considering the 1960s — for fear that the school's reputation would be damaged by an embarrassing incident."

In a spirit of what could be deemed bipartisanship, however, the CPU and Low Library quickly worked to form a new policy regarding candidate appearances on campus, and soon the administration was, according to Applebaum, "tremendously supportive."

"I never noticed any resistance; we've all been very happy

with the CPU," says University Chaplain Jewelnel Davis, a member of the organization's advisory board and whose office oversees all Student Government Board groups, including the CPU. "I think it's simply fabulous that students have a chance to interact with political leaders and each other about issues, and that our school, the most prestigious college in the nation's most important city, is a political center again."

When classes reconvened in fall 2000, and with election fever running high, the CPU trotted out its biggest guns yet: then-First Lady Hillary Clinton (now a New York Senator), former Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin and billionaire Warren Buffet spoke in September about fiscal responsibility, followed by a speech by former Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres that drew sizeable, yet peaceful protests.

In October, two more men vying for the Oval Office made stops on the Heights: first, Green Party candidate Ralph Nader, and then, in the CPU's biggest "get" of its brief history, then-Vice President Al Gore. The Gore event — which took CPU board members nearly two weeks of nonstop work to arrange — attracted national attention, and a sizeable portion of Gore's speech graced the pages of *The New York Times* the next day, complete with a photo of him speaking under Low Library's soaring rotunda. It was official: Columbia was back on the political map.

"The CPU has had a very positive role in bringing political debates, leaders and issues to campus," says Anthony Marx, associate professor of political science. "It has contributed to a deepening engagement in difficult issues of the day. As such, the CPU has contributed to a refreshing trend to get beyond the frivolities of the '90s and to become more serious about the difficulties that we face as a society today."

Speaking in a panel about fiscal responsibility were (from left) investor Warren Buffet, then-First Lady and now-Senator Hillary Clinton and former Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin.

Former Vice President Al Gore (right), who taught courses at the Journalism School a year ago, visits with University President George Rupp.

As the election year of 2000 eventually ended with a storm of confusion, butterfly ballots and hanging chads, the CPU rededicated itself to fostering political dialogue on campus. Its allotted annual budget of $4,000 long since gone, the CPU — which hopes to soon solicit alumni support for an endowment — raised money "wherever we could find it," according to Applebaum, and continued with its impressive roster of events. In 2001, it hosted speeches by New York City mayoral candidates Mark Green, Fernando Ferrer and Herman Badillo, as well as a talk by civil rights leader Reverend Al Sharpton.

The group also took center stage as a resource for students in the traumatic days following September 11. Following the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, the CPU hosted panel discussions about Homeland Security and the evolution of George W. Bush's presidency. And in an event covered by CNN, it organized a gathering of students to watch the president's stirring speech to the House of Representatives on September 20.

"The [mayoral] election and September 11 might have spurred activity by their own force, but having an organization ready to organize forums and events in a nonpartisan and open way provides great added value," says Professor Robert Shapiro, chair of the Political Science Department and moderator of the Bush panel. "The CPU's founders and current leaders deserve a lot of credit for assisting in Columbia's political revival."

The new politically friendly environment at Columbia stretches beyond even the CPU's reach, as Morningside Heights has become a mecca for pols-turned-profs. In addition to Gore teaching a Journalism School class last spring, former Bill Clinton aide and current ABC News commentator George Stephanopoulos '82 and former New York City Mayor David Dinkins have taught recently for the School of International and Public Affairs. And former U.S. Senator George Mitchell (D-Maine) gave an address on international conflict resolution at SIPA in January and will be joining Columbia in July as a senior fellow, conducting lectures and issue briefings for faculty as part of SIPA's newly formed Center for International Conflict Resolution.

As for the CPU, its mission statement remains constant: provide a platform for Columbia to re-establish itself as a premier stage on the American political circuit. While it has gotten off to an undeniably fast start, the CPU has no plans to rest on its laurels. "We're focusing now on the new magazine, creating a new roster of speakers and keeping student interest high even though it is not a presidential election year," says Applebaum. "We think the CPU exemplifies what is good about Columbia — open intellectual and political debate — and we're going to try to keep it going."

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ROAR LION ROAR

Crew, Tennis Open New Facilities

Two of Columbia's most successful athletics programs, the crew and tennis teams, moved into new facilities this year that should help them remain competitive with their Ivy League rivals. The first phase of both major projects has been completed, and fund raising is under way for the second phase of each.

"These new Baker Field complexes were long overdue," says Director of Athletics John A. Reeves. "The completion of this construction signifies a respectability in our facilities that was lacking."

Having opened on March 1, phase one of the Dick Savitt Tennis Center houses six courts with a state-of-the-art hard-court surface comparable to what is used at Davis Cup tournaments. Previously, the men's and women's tennis teams competed on the only clay courts in Division I, leaving them at a disadvantage when traveling to road matches and regional tournaments. Even when competitions were held at Baker, only four matches could be played at a time due to space limitations; the lack of room led to longer-than-normal meets and few spectators.

The new Class of 1929 boathouse features three bays that open directly onto the water and a deck overlooking the Harlem River.
PHOTO: JOHN A. REEVES

The new $5.2 million complex, however, can not only accommodate crowds, but also boasts an air dome permitting use in inclement weather. In addition, the complex should help the Lions draw better opponents who had refused to play on the slower, undersized clay courts, as well as more talented recruits.

"I've been waiting 21 years to give our student-athletes the chance to play at the competitive level," said longtime men's coach Bid Goswami, whose team will be gunning for a third consecutive Ivy title this spring. "I'm excited about this."

Baker Field's new boathouse had an even longer gestation period than its neighboring tennis center — 79 years. The heavyweight, lightweight and women's crews have been using the new Class of 1929 Boathouse since the fall, and donor recognition plaques were unveiled at the annual Crew Dinner on April 6. The building, named for the class that produced Columbia's last national crew championship and was instrumental in financing the new facility, houses bays for each of the three crews that open onto the water as well as a second-floor fitness area. The building also features a deck that overlooks the Harlem River that Reeves says "will soon become one of the premier spots in the city for views and receptions."

Phase two is expected to include three more bays as well as locker rooms, a lounge and trophy rooms.

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FENCERS WIN IVY: Columbia's men's fencing team won its 28th Ivy League championship, finishing the season with a 12–3 record that included a 4–0 mark in Ivy competition. It was the men's team's 21st undefeated Ivy campaign. Columbia placed fifth in the postseason NCAA championships, with sabre fencers Paolo Roselli '02GS and Andrew Sohn '04 earning honorable mention All America honors.

CAGERS CAGED: Despite an inspiring 54–53 win on the road against eventual Ivy League champion Penn in early February, Columbia's men's basketball team, which featured seven seniors, faded to a disappointing 4–10 record in Ivy competition and an overall mark of 11–17. The Lions lost their last six home games, capped by a closing weekend that included a 51–47 loss to Penn — in which Columbia built and then lost a 15-point lead — and a 49–48 finale against Princeton in which Columbia led all the way until Mike Bechtold's game-winning three-pointer for the Tigers with 34 seconds left. In the high point of the season, Joe Case '02 sank a pair of free throws with just 3.2 seconds on the clock for the victory at Penn. Additionally, Craig Austin '02 was named to the All-Ivy Second Team.

TOP DIVER: Teresa Herrmann '05 won the three-meter dive and finished second in the one-meter event at the Ivy League championships and was voted Outstanding Diver of the Meet. Earlier, Herrmann set both Columbia and pool records in the one-meter dive in a dual meet against Princeton.

HONORED: The following Columbia student-athletes in winter sports were selected for Academic All-Ivy honors. Each was a starter or key reserve who achieved a 3.0 or better cumulative grade point average. Men: Joe Case '02 (basketball), David Epstein '02 (track), Vincent Galgano '04 (track), Andrew Sohn '04 (fencing) and Scott Troob '04 (diving). Women: Roxanne Atineza '03 Barnard (archery), Katie Day '03 (basketball), Meaghan Gregory '02 (track), Patricia Kern '03E (basketball) and Emily Seidman '04 (swimming).

College Honors Four Alumni With John Jay Awards

On Wednesday, March 6, more than 600 alumni, friends, students and faculty filled the Grand Ballroom of the Plaza Hotel to honor four outstanding alumni — **Derek Q. Johnson '81, Joel I. Klein '67, Conrad Lung '72** and **William H. McDavid '68** — who received John Jay Awards for Distinguished Professional Achievement. This is the 24th year that the College has presented the awards, which are named in honor of the first chief justice of the United States and a member of the King's College Class of 1764. Funds raised at the dinner benefit the John Jay National Scholarship Program, which provides financial assistance and special programming for first-year students at the College.

The honorees have made their marks in fields ranging from media and entertainment to public service, banking and apparel manufacturing. Johnson is president and CEO of the Apollo Theater Foundation, a not-for-profit corporation responsible for the preservation, restoration and revitalization of the Apollo Theater on 125th Street in Harlem. Klein is chairman and CEO of Bertelsmann, Inc., and chief U.S. liaison officer to Bertelsmann AG, one of the largest media companies in the world. Lung is the president and co-founder of Sunnex, Inc., a New York–based company that manufactures and markets apparel in the United States, Canada and Latin America. McDavid is general counsel for J.P. Morgan Chase & Co., the conglomerate formed by the December 2000 merger of Chase Manhattan and J.P. Morgan.

The dinner co-chairs were **Joseph Cabrera '82, William Chan '86, Joel Klaperman '67** and **Charles O'Byrne '81.**

Videos from the John Jay Dinner may be viewed online at: www.college.columbia.edu/alumni/news/jayawards2002.html.

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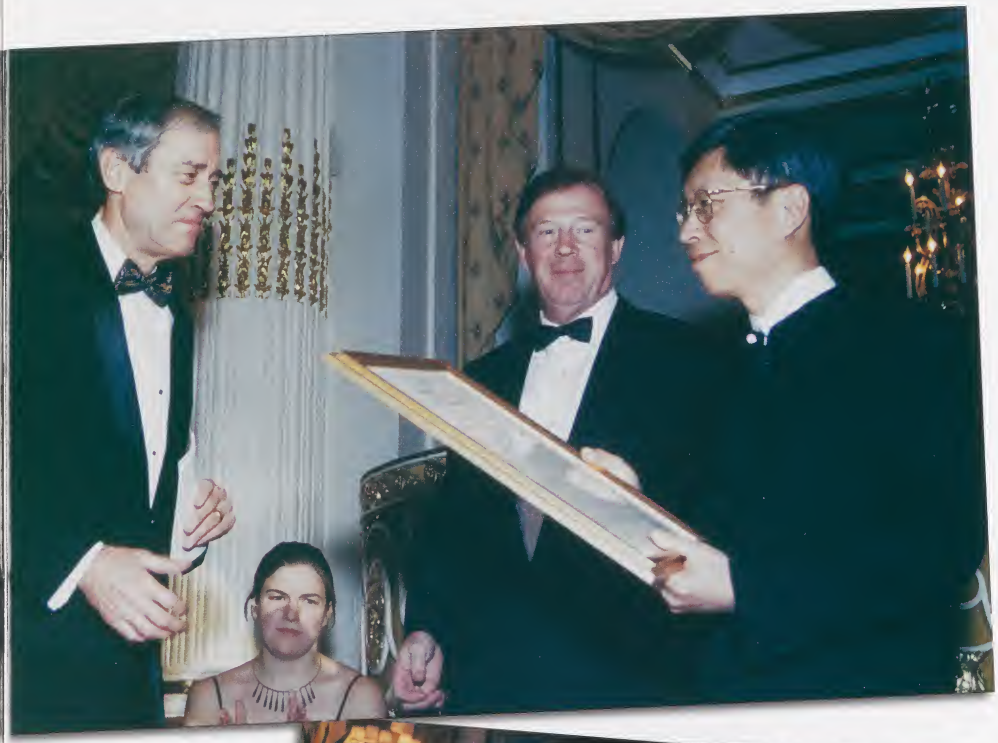
Joel I. Klein '67 (top, left) and Derek Q. Johnson '81 chat prior to receiving their John Jay Awards at the Plaza Hotel. Representing the John Jay Scholars, first-year students who benefit from the proceeds of the dinner, was Carolyn Yerkes '02 (middle), who spoke eloquently of the impact the program made on her growth at the College. At left, awardee William H. McDavid '68 is joined by his family.



Conrad Lung '72 (top), the first Asian-American to receive a John Jay Award, proudly accepts the honor as Columbia President George Rupp, former John Jay Scholar Carolyn Yerkes '02 and Dean of the College Austin Quigley look on. At right, Edwin Schlossberg '67 (left), classmate of honoree Joel I. Klein '67, is joined by his wife, Caroline Kennedy; Professor of History Emeritus Henry F. Graff and Professor of Art History and Archaeology Hilary Ballon.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Peter Cincotti '05

Pianist/vocalist/composer longs for jazzy New York of old

By Dina Cheney '99

"I wish everybody wore suits and hats like they did 50 years ago," says Peter Cincotti '05, speaking wistfully from the lobby of midtown Manhattan's Algonquin Hotel, where he is surrounded by proud Victorian chairs and oak molding. It's a place steeped in tradition: The famed roundtable of Dorothy Parker, Robert Benchley, George S. Kaufman, Edna Ferber and other literary luminaries convened here some 80 years ago. Cincotti, who fits right in at this old-fashioned landmark, practices what he preaches. During his preschool years, Cincotti — who favors dress pants over jeans — would voluntarily leave his parents' Park Avenue apartment in a suit.

Such anachronistic fashion choices would be unusual for anyone else, but given Cincotti's chosen vocation, they make perfect sense. Cincotti is a pop-jazz pianist/vocalist/composer with a penchant for standards and a longing for the jazzy Manhattan of yesteryear. Whereas other young New Yorkers might think about hosting a show on MTV, Cincotti dreams of performing at Radio City Music Hall in five years. "It's very Old New York," he says. "I would love to fill that place."

Cincotti dreams of playing Radio City Music Hall, one of New York's grand old venues.
PHOTO: CHRIS TAGGART

Suits? Standards? Clearly, these are not the typical trappings of an 18-year-old who resides in a college dorm and needs to complete his Italian homework. But then, Cincotti is not your typical college first-year. He probably *will* fill Radio City within five years. Already, Cincotti has been described by Stephen Holden of *The New York Times* as "prodigiously talented" and a "proud pop-jazz throwback." Regis Philbin of *Live With Regis & Kelly* called him "absolutely fantastic" and "a name to remember."

Cincotti was born in New York in 1983 and began playing piano on his third birthday, after receiving a 12-key toy from his grandfather. Immediately, the preschooler displayed musical aptitude, picking out the notes for "Happy Birthday" after hearing his family sing the tune. He played by ear until he was 4, at which point his parents — Cynthia, a real-estate broker and former *Good Housekeeping* art director, and Fred, an attorney who passed away of a heart attack when Cincotti was 13 — decided that he was old enough for formal instruction and purchased a Baldwin.

Three years later, at age 7, Cincotti got his big break. Too sick to attend a Village Vanguard performance by his favorite singer/pianist, Harry Connick Jr., Cincotti remained at home with his father. According to family lore, Cincotti's sister, Pia, then 10 and now a senior at Fordham, visited the star backstage, bringing him flowers and an audio recording of her brother. After listening to the tape, Connick invited the prodigy to perform with him that same year. Since then, Cincotti has joined his mentor on stage at sites throughout the country, including Bally's Grand in Atlantic City and The Paramount at Madison Square Garden.

Cincotti's power-punch resume does not end there. He has performed at various jazz venues around Manhattan, including Feinstein's at The Regency and Joe's Pub. In 1996, he was invited to the White House, where he played piano for Secret Service personnel. He wowed the audience at the 2001 Grammy Awards, the prestigious Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland and Ed Sullivan's Broadcast Lounge. Recently, accompanied by bassist David Finck, saxophonist Scott Kreitzer and drummer Warren Odze, Cincotti completed a one-month run at the Algonquin's vaunted Oak Room. He was the youngest headliner in the hotel's 100-year history and was thrilled to make his appearance with two of his regular co-performers, Finck and Kreitzer.

On a Saturday evening, the show was something to behold. By the glow of the low-set table lamps, a mostly over-60 crowd watched as Cincotti, in an elegant gray suit and cufflinks, walked confidently to the gleaming black grand piano in the center of the intimate room. The champagne-sipping audience appeared dubious, given Cincotti's beardless face and youthful aura. You could almost hear the question in their minds: "How could such a young man be serious about older music, the music of our generation?"

Then the performance began. And if there were any reservations, they quickly disappeared, wiped away by Cincotti's sophisticated rendition of "How High the Moon." Cincotti gave his all to other standards, including "Miss Brown to You" and "A Night in Tunisia," as well as his own compositions, with lyrics by his mother. In between songs, Cincotti amused the audience. "When I was about 16," he began, eliciting amused chuckles. "Why is that funny?" he asked, in mock perplexity. And later, "Some people ask how I balance going to a school like Columbia and finding time for my music. The answer is, I don't go to class. So I'm really not balancing anything at all," he said, laughing.

The "brightest new star on the musical stage," as he was described at the Algonquin, works hard to manage his increasingly complex schedule. "If I get a call for a gig, I need to decide whether I want to do it and also find out all the information, such as whether band members are available, and then I need to check on all the little things." How does Cincotti get his gigs? Some come through word of mouth or his

agency, Ted Kurland Associates, but increasingly, they have arrived through the work of promoter Ron Delsener.

Cincotti is a natural performer whose delight in engaging his audience is palpable. "I've always loved performing, the idea of random people you don't know coming into a room to see what you're going to do," he says. "I used to do magic tricks, and I would get my whole family and say, 'At 6 o'clock, we're going to meet in the den, and I'm going to put on a show.' I took it so seriously. From age 7 on, I always loved to do that."

Contrary to his stage patter, Cincotti does attend classes, and completes his homework assignments like any other first-year. He is an insatiable learner who opted to forgo attending a conservatory, such as Juilliard, in favor of obtaining a broader education. "Everything you learn affects music," he explains. "If you have more knowledge, it comes through in the playing. A Columbia education can never go to waste." The College was Cincotti's first choice and he says, "When you get in, you're a fool not to go."

Cincotti's first-year program has included Logic & Rhetoric, Literature Humanities, Italian, Jazz Band and Music Humanities — yes, he *is* taking Music Hum. Cincotti learns from more than the classroom, though. Since 1997, he has studied with world-renowned classical pianist Lev Natochenny and a number of highly respected jazz pianists and arrangers, including Sy Johnson, James Williams and LeeAnn Ledgerwood.

"As much as I can, I try to take [music] lessons from everybody," he says, adding that all of his instructors have "different ways of thinking about music." In the summer of 1997, Cincotti visited New Orleans to study with Connick's former teacher, jazz titan Ellis Marsalis, father of Wynton and Branford. He also learns by listening to the music of his idols, including Ella Fitzgerald, Diana Krall, Frank Sinatra and Erroll Garner.

Cincotti might perform all over the world and may have traded in his dorm room for an Algonquin suite during his recent show, but he doesn't want to be singled out when he's at school. "When I'm at Columbia, I am in a different mode," he says. He waited a month before telling his Carman roommate about his musical career, and even then, he merely said that he "plays piano and performs around town."

At 18, Cincotti was the youngest headliner in the 100-year history of the Algonquin Hotel's Oak Room, where he completed a one-month run earlier this year.
PHOTO: CHRIS TAGGART

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Although he avoids mentioning his musical career to peers, Cincotti does occasionally invite them to his performances, hoping to involve them in his passion. "I think it's possible that if younger people see another young person singing this kind of music, they might be drawn to it. My roommates, for example, seem genuinely enthusiastic about hearing this music from someone their age."

Following the Algonquin show, Cincotti took off for Las Vegas, where he performed at the Hard Rock Hotel while his classmates were on spring break. (To balance out-of-town gigs with his schoolwork, Cincotti often schedules shows for vacation periods.) After that, he focused on finishing his schoolwork, with "sporadic gigs here and there. And then in the summer, I'll be recording the album."

"The album" is Cincotti's recording debut, which will be produced by industry heavyweight Phil Ramone. The nine-time Grammy Award-winner, who has produced albums for Ray Charles and Natalie Cole, among others, has high hopes for Cincotti's career. In a recent article in *The New York Times*, he stated: "I hate putting a curse on kids and comparing them to stars. I don't want him compared to Sinatra or anybody. Well, to Sinatra is OK. Too soon, but OK."

Despite Cincotti's lack of pretense, his dreams bear a striking similarity to the reality of his mentor, Connick. "I want to be a recording artist and perform all over the world and continue writing and composing," he says. He also wants to act in movies. "Everybody used to tell me growing up that I should be an actor," he says with a smile.

More immediately, Cincotti plans to focus on his Core Curriculum requirements and choose his major, reminders that he is still an underclassman. Does he have any idea what his primary area of study is going to be? "I haven't even thought about it," Cincotti admits. "I figure I have a year."

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Alisa Weilerstein '04

Cellist balances schoolwork with global performances

By Beth Satkin

Don't call Alisa Weilerstein '04 a prodigy. "Don't ever use that word again!" she admonishes. "People say that all the time, and it drives me crazy. I just have a visceral aversion to that word." She prefers 'precocious.'

The College sophomore, known to her friends as Ali, already has distinguished herself as a rising cello star in the classical music world. Her resume of solo performances includes many of the world's most prestigious performing groups and venues: her Cleveland Orchestra debut at age 13, Carnegie Hall two years later, recent tours of Japan, Europe and Australia. Her debut CD was released in 1998 by EMI Records, and last year she received a prestigious Avery Fisher Career Grant. "I used 90 percent of my grant for Columbia tuition," she says, smiling. "I am saving the other 10 percent for further study down the road."

Weilerstein says the cello "is my passion; always was, and I think always will be."
PHOTO: EILEEN BARROSO

Adolescence can be a perilous time for talented young performers. Stories of early burnouts and breakdowns abound, and only the toughest of wunderkinds emerge from their teenage years unscathed. Weilerstein, however, appears to have remained grounded. "I love performing; it's my favorite thing to do," she says. "I know there are some jaded views about young people playing a lot, but I ignore that and continue what I'm doing."

Weilerstein, a Cleveland native, was perhaps destined for a concert career. Her mother and her father, pianist Vivian Hornik Weilerstein and violinist Donald Weilerstein, are accomplished musicians and teachers. But it was her grandmother who gave Weilerstein her first cello when she was just 2½ years old: a painted Rice Krispies box with a toothbrush for the end pin. Weilerstein played her toy cello day and night, even accompanying her parents at rehearsals. At 4, she roped her parents into buying her first real cello, a diminutive one sixteenth-sized instrument. She held her first public recital just six months later. These days, Weilerstein plays a 1696 Matteo Goffriller cello, on loan from the Stradivari Society of Chicago.

Weilerstein's talent was evident from an early age, her mother recalls. "When Ali was 3 years old, I was practicing at the piano," she recalls. "I got up to answer the doorbell, and when I came back, she was sitting at the piano playing the whole opening theme of a Chopin piece that I had been practicing. She had never taken a piano lesson. She just picked out the tune by ear."

Music was a family affair throughout Weilerstein's teenage years, culminating in the family's debut recording of the Ives Piano Trio as The Weilerstein Trio in 1998. "We've been playing together for such a long time. It's such a natural thing, like the way you have a conversation," says Vivian Weilerstein. But at times, says the younger Weilerstein, it can be difficult to put aside the parent-daughter relationship and work as colleagues. "We're a very close family, but of course we have our ups and downs," she says. "We just try to focus on the music. My parents take my musical ideas quite seriously." (Weilerstein has a 14-year-old brother, Josh, who is a talented violinist, but she stresses, "He has made it very clear that he doesn't want to play professionally.")

Weilerstein concedes that her college experience has been somewhat out of the ordinary, even for a Columbia student. As a first-year, for example, she performed 42 concerts in the United States and Europe on top of a full academic schedule, often writing papers on airplanes and e-mailing them to professors. On campus, Weilerstein may be spotted lugging her enormous white cello case across South Field or the steps of Low Library. But more often, you can find her in her dorm room, sawing away at etudes and concertos for hours each day, which she says isn't a problem with her neighbors. "It's easier to practice in the dorm because everyone stays up until about 4 a.m., so I never have to worry about practicing at late hours," she says. "I've practiced until 3 a.m. several times. And if somebody does want to go to sleep, they just knock on my door and say, 'Sorry, you sound great, but I just can't sleep!' And then I'll go to some other place."

Sometimes, a concert tour comes as a much-needed break from life as a student. "Living in New York, you're around people all the time, so sometimes it's nice to get away and have a bit of time to myself, where I can read and practice and learn other languages," she says. Being on the road, however, has its down side. "The hardest thing is when you're traveling alone, and you come back after a concerto performance into a hotel room, and there's no one there to celebrate with," she reflects. "Usually I wind up jumping up and down on my bed and being totally crazy, or watching bad movies until 3 a.m. You find ways to cope."

During the past year, Weilerstein has traveled extensively, performing as a soloist with the San Francisco Symphony under noted conductor Michael Tilson Thomas and in Japan with the Tokyo and Hiroshima Symphonies, as well as in several recitals in Europe. A highlight of the year came on September 15, when she performed with the National Symphony at the Kennedy Center.

"The concert was almost canceled because of the terrorist attacks," she recalls, "but in the end, everyone decided that 'the show must go on.' It was the most memorable concert experience I've had. The hall was quite full considering what had

happened only four days before, and we all got the feeling that music was something that was desperately wanted and needed as solace for the terrible wounds inflicted on the country."

Despite the challenges of her dual life, Weilerstein doesn't regret having chosen a rigorous academic school such as Columbia over a full-time music conservatory. "I grew up in a conservatory atmosphere, and I decided that when I went to college, it would be time for something new," she says. "I want to read. I don't want to be stuck in a practice room for four years. There's so much more to learn, so many great books and great people to meet outside my field."

Columbia's location in New York City, she says, is a perfect combination that allows her to further her cello studies with Joel Krosnick at The Juilliard School while pursuing her undergraduate degree in 20th-century European history. Despite her demanding schedule, Weilerstein makes sure that she has some time left to explore the city, and when she talks about this, she sounds like many other College students. "I love New York City, there's so much excitement around it," she says. "I just love walking around. One of my favorite things to do is sit at outdoor cafés and people-watch."

Weilerstein aims for three hours of practice on school days and four hours on weekends, "but I only achieve that about 80 percent of the time," she admits. Trying to balance practice and schoolwork can be tricky sometimes, especially around exam periods. "But most of the time," she says, "I appreciate the balance that I have something else to think about aside from what concerto I'm going to play next."

In the long run, Weilerstein believes that having to carve out every hour of practice time will make her a better musician. "It teaches me to practice more efficiently," she says. "I'm hungry for the instrument when I get to it." Given the number of hours she spends practicing, touring and performing during the school year, Weilerstein's time at Columbia isn't exactly a break from music. "But I wouldn't want it any other way," she says. "I can't ever totally get away from it, and I don't want to."

Weilerstein believes that having to carve out practice time within her busy class schedule will make her a better musician by teaching her to practice more efficiently.
PHOTO: EILEEN BARROSO

"I want to read. I don't want to be stuck in a practice room for four years. There's so much more to learn."

As a first-year, Weilerstein's neighbor across the hall was one who could relate to the unique stresses of balancing a performing career with the rigors of Ivy League academics: Julia Stiles '04, whose starring roles in films like *State and Main*, *Save the Last Dance*, *O* and *The Business of Strangers* have catapulted her to the top of the ranks of young film actresses. "She said she liked hearing me practice while she was studying," says Weilerstein, "but I don't know whether she was just saying that to be nice."

What do Weilerstein's non-musician friends think of her career? "They're really fascinated by it," she says. "One time I played a concert at the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, and half of my dorm floor showed up, which was really sweet. They're very supportive and very interested."

Weilerstein attributes her perseverance to her love of the instrument, and also to her parents, who she says never pushed her, yet were "100 percent supportive" of her musical career. "My parents were never the type to lock me in a cubicle and make me practice 10 hours a day," she says. Vivian Weilerstein echoed her daughter's sentiments. "I just want her to be happy," she says. "I want her to feel that she can be fulfilled doing what she wants to do, whatever that may be."

Weilerstein, meanwhile, would rather enjoy the moment. "As tempting as it is to think about the future, I'd rather live in the present," she says. And despite the daily grind of practicing and the stresses of maintaining a concert career on top of everything else, Weilerstein says she has never considered giving up the cello, and doesn't regret being so focused so early. "The cello is something I never questioned," she says. "Cello is my passion. Always was, and I think always will be."

Beth Satkin *is completing her junior year at Brown University. Her writing has appeared in* The New York Observer, Classical New Jersey Magazine *and the* Brown Daily Herald.

Bookshelf

From Genesis to Genetics: The Case of Evolution and Creationism by *John A. Moore '36*. Moore argues that the long-running debate over teaching evolution threatens not just the scientific study of biology but the dissemination of scientific procedures throughout the public school curriculum (University of California Press, $27.50).

Home Movies: A History of the American Industry, 1897–1979 by *Alan Kattelle '40*. From its origins in the magic lantern and the camera obscura to the introduction of affordable color film and the famous Zapruder film of JFK's assassination, this volume offers a one-of-a-kind introduction to the technology, film, organizations and companies that make home movies possible (Transition Publishing, $49.95).

Kelly's People by *Walter Wager '44*. In the author's 27th book, five telepathic counterespionage agents — saved by organ transplants and supercharged with a mysterious, lifesaving serum — must stop a shadowy arch-terrorist from completing his plan to detonate nuclear devices in London, Jerusalem and Washington, D.C. (Forge, $24.95).

Termination in Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy, revised edition, by *Stephen K. Firestein '47*. This version of the author's pioneering 1978 work offers old lessons and new insights on the termination of psychological care for patients (International Universities Press, $29.95 paper).

Dashiell Hammett: Crime Stories and Other Writings, edited by *Steven Marcus '48*, George Delacorte Professor in the Humanities. The first comprehensive collection of stories, many not seen since their original publication in *Black Mask* and other pulps, from the father of the American hardboiled crime novel (Library of America, $35).

Greece's Pivotal Role in World War II and Its Importance to the U.S. Today, edited by *Eugene T. Rossides '49*, introduction by *Andrew J. Goodpaster*. Fourteen essays that describe Greek resistance to German aggression during World War II and assess Greek-American relations from the Cold War to the present; from the president of the American Hellenic Institute Foundation (American Hellenic Institute Foundation, $20 paper).

Open Moral Communities by *Seymour J. Mandelbaum '56*. A blend of moral philosophy and concrete examples from modern cities not only illustrates the pivotal role that communities play in maintaining and adapting people's moral outlooks but also constitutes a paean for communitarian sensibilities (MIT Press, $30).

A Companion to the Works of Ranier Maria Rilke, edited by *Erika A. Metzger* and *Michael M. Metzger '56*. This collection of scholarly essays assesses the oeuvre and enduring significance of the poet, storyteller, novelist and critic, who was one of the most important German writers of his generation (Camden House, $75).

Invariances: The Structure of the Objective World by *Robert Nozick '59*. A deliberately open-ended examination of core metaphysical questions — the nature of truth, objectivity, necessity, consciousness, ethics — from the celebrated philosopher and Harvard professor, who died on January 23 (Harvard University Press, $35).

Another Such Victory: President Truman and the Cold War, 1945–1953 by *Arnold A. Offner '59*. This revisionist history challenges common perceptions of the 33rd president, criticizing him for a provincial personal diplomacy and a needlessly aggressive foreign policy that exacerbated international tensions during a critical period (Stanford University Press, $37.95).

Journal of a Living Experiment: A Documentary History of the First Ten Years of Teachers and Writers Collaborative, edited, with commentary, by *Phillip Lopate '64*. In addition to the editor, Columbia contributors to this reissue of the 1979 retrospective on the writing group's first decade include Professor of English and Comparative Literature Kenneth Koch (Teachers & Writers, $14.95 paper).

White Boy: A Memoir by *Mark Naison '66*. This tough but hopeful autobiography recounts the author's path from a childhood in the Crown Heights neighborhood of Brooklyn to a professorship in African-American Studies at Fordham University in the Bronx (Temple University Press, $69.50 cloth, $19.95 paper).

Art Kills by *Eric Van Lustbader '68*. In this fast-paced novella, the pursuit of a long-lost Raphael painting entangles a no-nonsense art lover with a murderous East Coast crime boss and his ravishing, dangerous sister (Carroll & Graf, $12.95).

A Alegria Que Vem Da Trapa by *Dom Bernardo Bonowitz '70*. A collection of sermons, which link traditional Benedictine spirituality with Brazilian culture, that were preached in a Trappist monastery in southern Brazil by the author, the monastery's superior; in Portuguese (Edições Lumen Christi, 16 Reals, paper).

Violence, Nudity, Adult Content: A Novel by *Vince Passaro '79*. In this first novel, a complicated emotional triangle among a determined rape victim, her hot shot attorney and his neglected wife reveals the inherent tension in Manhattan's newly wealthy professional class of the 1990s (Simon & Schuster, $24).

An Aesthetic Occupation: The Immediacy of Architecture and the Palestinian Conflict by *Daniel Bertrand Monk '81*. In Israel and the Occupied Territories, even the stones are invested with meaning, and "sacred" architecture can take on a devastating political significance for both sides in the conflict (Duke University Press, $54.95 cloth, $18.95 paper).

The Apple Approach to Golf: It's Easy as Pie! by *Stephen Glazer '88*. A former Lions golf team captain and two-time team MVP offers a simple, easy to understand guide that stresses the fundamentals of

the game (*New England Golf Magazine*, $7.95 paper).

Eternally Vigilant: Free Speech in the Modern Era, edited by *Lee C. Bollinger* and *Geoffrey R. Stone.* In addition to incoming University President Bollinger, Columbia contributors to this volume on the First Amendment's history, application and future include University Professor Kent Greenawalt and Lamont Professor of Civil Liberties Vincent Blasi (University of Chicago Press, $35).

Friends Hold All Things in Common: Tradition, Intellectual Property and the *Adages* of Erasmus by *Kathy Eden*, Mark Van Doren Professor in Literature Humanities. The gentle humanist's compilation of classical proverbs revealed his commitment to friendship and common property even as the book's publication in the early 16th century ushered in new attitudes concerning the right to copy (Yale University Press, $35).

Economic Development of Burma: A Vision and a Strategy. Ronald Findlay, the Ragnar Nurske Professor of Economics, was one of six international economists collaborating on this report, which explains how political repression stifled Burma's participation in the world's economic progress during the last 50 years and suggests ways the country can overcome the obstacles facing it (Singapore University Press, $25 paper).

Country of Exiles: The Destruction of Place in American Life by *William Leach*, professor of history. A somber exploration of the "vast landscape of the temporary" that has transformed work habits, the physical landscape and Americans' sense of place during the last two decades (Pantheon Books, $24 cloth; Vintage Books, $14 paper).

Lady Day: The Many Faces of Billie Holiday by *Robert O'Meally*, Zora Neale Hurston Professor of English and Comparative Literature. A paperback reissue of the study of the peerless, tragic jazz icon, from the director of Columbia's Center for Jazz Studies. It won the Ralph J. Gleason Award in 1991 for best musical book of the year (Da Capo Press, $20 paper).

Republicanism: A Theory of Freedom and Government by *Philip Pettit*, professor of philosophy. This reissue of the noted political theorist's groundbreaking presentation of the republican alternative to liberal and communitarian political philosophies includes a new postscript by the author (Oxford University Press, $21.95 paper).

A History of Britain. Volume II: The Wars of the British, 1603–1776 by *Simon Schama*, University Professor. This richly illustrated volume is the companion to the second installment of the author's television documentary series about his homeland, which aired on the History Channel in the fall of 2001 (Talk Miramax Books, $40).

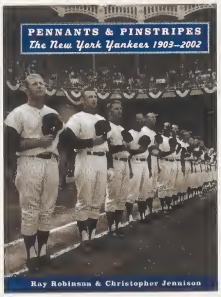
Extending Citizenship, Reconfiguring States, edited by *Michael Hanagan* and *Charles Tilly*, Joseph L. Buttenwieser Professor of Social Science. A collection of essays examining the historical and cultural background of conceptions of citizenship and sovereignty in the context of the European Union, which is expanding individual rights while dividing sovereignty (Rowman & Littlefield, $82 cloth, $29.95 paper).

A Companion to the Philosophy of Language, edited by *Bob Hale* and *Crispin Wright*, professor of philosophy. A weighty compendium comprising 25 essays surveying and analyzing the central issues in the study of language, meaning and our understanding of truth (Blackwell, $131.95 cloth, $34.95 paper).

T.P.C.

Glory Days

With a record 26 World Series championships and 38 pennants, the New York Yankees are not simply the most successful franchise in baseball history but arguably the most successful — and recognizable — sports team of all time. But with such a storied history, even most die-hard fans might forget some details, such as which Atlanta Brave popped up to third baseman Charlie Hayes for the final out of the 1996 World Series.



Ray Robinson & Christopher Jennison

In *Pennants & Pinstripes: The New York Yankees, 1903–2002,* **Ray Robinson '41** and Christopher Jennison have provided a definitive, fascinating history of the Bronx Bombers that should satisfy the most rabid Yankee fan. The book was released to the public on April 1, 2002, which was not only Major League Baseball's Opening Day but also marked 100 years since the Baltimore team that eventually became the Yankees played its first game.

When the franchise moved from Baltimore to New York in 1903, the team was renamed the Highlanders and played in Manhattan's Hilltop Park (officially the New York American League Ball Park), on Broadway between 165th and 168th Streets, on the site where the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center now stands. Players, reporters and fans began calling the team the Yankees as early as 1904, and the nickname seems to have stuck by 1910.

At first, the Highlanders/Yankees were clearly New York's third team, after John J. McGraw's powerhouse New York Giants, who played at the nearby Polo Grounds, and the lovable Brooklyn Dodgers (originally the Trolley Dodgers). Only when the Yankees "stole" Babe Ruth from the cash-strapped Boston Red Sox for a measly $125,000 in 1920 did the team really take off. With the acquisition of first baseman **Lou Gehrig '25**, and the move to the new Yankee Stadium, the House that Ruth Built, the Yankees were on their way to sports history.

Organized in 10 chapters that correspond to decades of the franchise's history, *Pennants & Pinstripes* covers all the teams from the original Highlanders to the superb Yankee teams that won four World Series titles between 1996 and 2001. A major player from each period — including Ruth, Gehrig, Joe DiMaggio, Yogi Berra, Mickey Mantle and Derek Jeter — is profiled. And a series of baseball personalities that range from NBC sportscaster Bob Costas to the inimitable Berra offer their "All-Time Favorite Yankee Teams."

Robinson, a former editor of *Redbook* magazine who also served on the *CCT* Advisory Board for many years, wrote all the text and compiled the all-time great lists (Jennison gathered the photos). Robinson admits to being "steeped in Yankee mythology and history," so this book was a lot of fun for him, especially the all-time team lists. "I was surprised that a lot of people picked McCarthy over Stengel" for manager, he said.

Baseball history is familiar ground for Robinson, who wrote *Iron Horse: Lou Gehrig in His Time*, an affectionate biography of the legendary Yankee first baseman, in 1990. *Matty, An American Hero: Christy Mathewson of the New York Giants*, a biography of the greatest pitcher of the early 20th century, followed in 1994. In 1998, he collaborated with Jennison on *Yankee Stadium: 75 Years of Drama, Glamor, and Glory*, which not only recounted the stadium's history as baseball's most recognizable field but also its role as a venue for others, ranging from pop stars to popes. Robinson also has penned biographies of Ted Williams and Stan Musial.

Pennants & Pinstripes: The New York Yankees, 1903–2002 is published by Viking Studio and sells for $34.95. By the way, it was Mark Lemke who popped up to Hayes to end the 1996 Fall Classic.

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"Hello, I'm caling on behalf of the Columbia College Fund to ask if you would be willing to support today's students..."

Columbia College Fund Is Golden

The College's primary fund-raising group marks 50 years of supporting students

By Lisa Palladino

As Columbia University nears its 250th anniversary, another anniversary is being celebrated right here, right now. This year, the Columbia College Fund completes 50 years of helping students.

Financial aid, campus improvements, faculty assistance, student services and more are all supported by annual giving. The Columbia College Fund is important, especially in today's tough economic times, because although tuition covers part of the expense, it falls far short of the total amount needed to provide College students with a full spectrum of educational, personal and social experiences. Nearly half of the College's students receive financial aid, amounting to more than $25 million per year in grants.

Alumni participation in the form of consistent, annual giving is critical to the financial well being of the College. "The Columbia College Fund is a vital part of the College's overall fund-raising efforts," says Dean Austin Quigley. "Endowment funds and unrestricted funds alike allow us to enhance all facets of College life, whether it be in the form of financial aid, improved campus facilities including classrooms, strengthened academic programs including the Core Curriculum or better student services. Alumni, parents and friends who contribute to the fund also contribute to an improved educational experience for our students."

Joseph Coffee '41 started the fund in 1952 because "there were no fund-raising efforts on the College's behalf. The College was not thought of as separate in those days," he says. For example, the University had an alumni association, but the College did not have its own. Coffee had been working at the University since 1946 "to establish what became a new office in communication with alumni;" around 1947–48, he and Aaron W. Berg '24 were spearheading an effort to raise $250,000 for the field house at Baker Field. The funds were raised, and based on that success, Coffee proposed a separate fund for the College at a University alumni association meeting. Some of the attendees were reluctant, but, according to Coffee, Frank S. Hogan '24, then-district attorney of New York

From left, the second, 10th and first Columbia College Fund reports thank donors.

County ("one of the most distinguished Columbia alumni ever," according to Coffee, "a true Columbia man, revered, with great powers of persuasion"), said, "Joe Coffee has an idea, and I think we should give him a chance to try it out." And so the fund was born.

"Then I had to go and prove the idea," Coffee says. "And I did."

Coffee organized committees by class and requested that each president recommend a fund chair or chairs. "I wanted to call upon the pride that College alumni had in the school," he says. The first fund was chaired by Arnold T. Koch '21, a New Jersey-based attorney, and it raised $136,000. "This was a miracle for an organization that had just come into being," Coffee says. "That was a lot of money in those days." Coffee's work with the field house project also inspired fund raising for scholarships via the fund: Of the $250,000 raised for the field house, half was earmarked for scholarships.

After the first fund reached fruition, Coffee approached Dean Harry J. Carman and proposed publishing a fund report and sending it to all alumni. After getting the go-ahead, Coffee produced the first report and listed *all* who contributed, a practice that was revived recently with the publication of the 49th annual report for 2000–01. When it was time for the second fund report, Coffee wanted to expand it into an alumni newspaper, and thus *Columbia College Today* came into being. It has evolved from a newspaper into the bimonthly magazine you hold in your hands.

Coffee also created an opportunity for alumni to distinguish themselves as generous donors by founding the John Jay Associates. The minimum donation at the time was $250; today it is $1,500. Coffee asked Jerome Newman '17 to be the first John Jay Associates chair; Newman hedged a bit, until Coffee pulled out the big guns. "I told him that I had just hired an assistant director for the fund — Al Barabas '36." Barabas was famous for scoring the only touchdown in Columbia's 7-0 victory over Stanford in the 1934 Rose Bowl. Suffice to say that Newman hesitated not a moment longer when offered the chance to work with a Columbia legend.

Like the evolution of *CCT*, the fund, too, has come a long way in 50 years. For fiscal year 2001, unrestricted gifts totaled $8.1 million, and the goal for FY 2002 is to surpass that. The Office of Alumni Affairs and Development, headed by Derek Wittner '65, is on track to do so, supported by an enthusiastic professional staff and the hard work of alumni volunteers.

While total dollars are essential to meet operating needs each year, the College has embarked on a program to expand alumni participation as well; in other words, broaden the base of donors. Lagging far behind many of its peer schools, the College's participation rate is roughly 30 percent. Through a variety of initiatives, embraced under the rubric of "Columbia Connections," the College seeks to reconnect with more of its alumni on a national basis. These initiatives include enhancing the reunion experience, expanding young alumni activities and establishing an electronic community for alumni. By supporting Columbia College Women, Columbia College Young Alumni and the Alumni of Color Outreach Program in more meaningful ways, the College hopes to involve more graduates.

The Columbia Connections program also is placing an emphasis on connecting current undergraduates with alumni through informal get-togethers, mentoring programs and leadership activities. Establishing these connections across a four-year undergraduate experience culminates with senior support to the Senior Fund Committee effort. A joint project of the Alumni Office and Student Affairs, the senior gift initiative emphasizes participation rather than dollars, recognizing the importance of establishing a cultural tradition of giving back.

Investment in these initiatives is essential, Wittner believes, to the long-term health of the College. Both he and Abigail Franklin, a former fund director, lament that the success of the College fund has been held back because the fundamental connections that lead to increased philanthropy were neglected until recently, leaving much catch-up to be done.

Gifts to the fund may be restricted or unrestricted. Those that are restricted often support endowed scholarships or professorships or are designated for specific capital improvements. For many years, Wittner notes, the College placed great emphasis on large, restricted gifts and neglected annual unrestricted giving. More recently, the case for annual unrestricted giving has been emphasized to address the imbalance and to encourage gifts of all sizes.

Getting out the message is the responsibility of the professional staff and alumni volunteers. Susan Levin Birnbaum, who was appointed director of the fund in November 2001, is emphasizing greater involvement of alumni class leaders. Plans are under way to develop a network of class agents and to better connect with alumni across the country through local programs supported by the alumni office. The participation initiative includes ongoing events in various cities; Los Angeles, San Francisco and Atlanta are only three of the domestic cities that Dean Quigley visited this year, as well as Singapore, Hong Kong and London.

Coffee proposed a separate fund for the College

Ed Weinstein '57 ***(top) chaired the Columbia College Fund to a record high in 2000–01 and hopes it will do even better in fiscal 2001–02, which ends June 30.***
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Calling upon alumni pride in the College, **Joe Coffee '41** ***(above center, with friends at a recent Homecoming) was instrumental in getting the fund started in 1951–52.***
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"I have no doubt that Columbia is exactly where I need to be to thrive, and it is the generosity of the College's donors that makes it possible for me to be here. I hope one day to be able to emulate these men's and women's commitment and make it possible for others like me to achieve their dreams at Columbia."

—CHRISTINA MICHELLE KUBACKI '04
RECIPIENT OF THE PHILIP L. AND CHERYL S. MILSTEIN SCHOLARSHIP

In addition to personal contacts, the College fund now offers online giving (https://wwwb.ais.columbia.edu/udar/cc/GiftForm.jsp) to supplement its direct mail and telemarketing campaigns (by College students), and it boasts a growing Parents Fund. Susan Rautenberg, director of the Parents Fund, works closely with the Office of Student Affairs. Rautenberg has developed a network of parent volunteers who host events in various regions of the country for fellow parents and who conduct phone-a-thons to enlist financial support. Karen and John Lyle, parents of Ashley '02 and Brenton '03, are the national co-chairs of the Parents Fund. Karen Lyle traces her involvement to a meeting with a staff member who introduced her and her husband to the Columbia community. "We became enthusiastic. At first, we just worked with the Class of '02 parents, but we felt a deeper commitment to become involved. We said, 'Let's become involved with something that means so much to our children.' Columbia is a one-of-a-kind experience, and being involved gives us the chance to meet other parents, as well as alumni and administrators."

Dedication and involvement of volunteers are essential for the success of the entire fund. Abby Black Elbaum '92, '94 Business, is a vice chair of the fund who directs young alumni (those who graduated in the last 10 years) volunteer fund raising. Elbaum, who works in her family's real estate business in New York City, says, "I had a wonderful experience at Columbia, and I think it contributed to who I am. It's important to give back." Her comment echoes what other volunteers say when asked why they donate so much time and energy to help raise money for their alma mater. Elbaum notes that she is impressed with the dean and feels it is important for him to have the funds to pursue the College's priorities, a sentiment shared by Bob Berne '60, who chairs volunteer leadership fund raising. "I can definitely see changes on campus from when I attended," Elbaum adds.

"Receiving Columbia's offer to begin studying at the College was one of the greatest moments in my life. I am well aware that it is solely the generous financial support of the College donors that gives me the opportunity to fulfill my dream of an academic career at Columbia."

—NICO JASPERS '05
RECIPIENT OF THE BUCHMAN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Ed Weinstein '57, P'84, P'87, whose successful term as fund chair ends June 30, was involved as a volunteer in his class's activities when asked by Berne to become more active in the fund. Now thoroughly engaged in its activities — he accompanied Dean Quigley and staff members on a trip to San Francisco this spring — Weinstein has what he calls "a passion to move the fund ahead of where it is now. Columbia is still playing catch-up with alumni." His successor as chair, Geoffrey Colvin '74, '77L, '78 Business, looks forward to building on the successes of the last years. "Ed and Derek have done a wonderful job, and I plan to continue building on what they have accomplished. I'd like to increase the number of John Jays, and increase participation in general," he says.

Richard Witten '75, who chairs the Board of Visitors and is a member of the Board of Trustees, was one of many who benefited from the fund as a student. "The fund sits at the core of the College's ability to help students through need-blind admissions," he says. "Contributing to the fund has observable results. It makes a direct impact that you can see."

Coffee, too, feels extreme pride in the fund. "It has been my life," he says. "My children grew up with a picture of Dad going to a meeting for the Columbia College Fund. What I am proudest about, though, is the fact that the fund has been on a continuum — since that first year, it has carried right on through. Those involved now might not think of the early days, and that's fine, but the main thing is that those involved are proud of what they are now achieving.

"It comes down to the men and women who have served the fund: That's the magic that makes it all work."

To find out more about the fund and how to become a volunteer, call the Alumni Office at (212) 870-2288 or toll-free from outside New York at (866) CCALUMNI. You also can visit the office's Web site, www.college.columbia.edu/alumni/involved/index.html, to find out about College activities, or www.college.columbia.edu/alumni/giving/index.html to find out how to give back.

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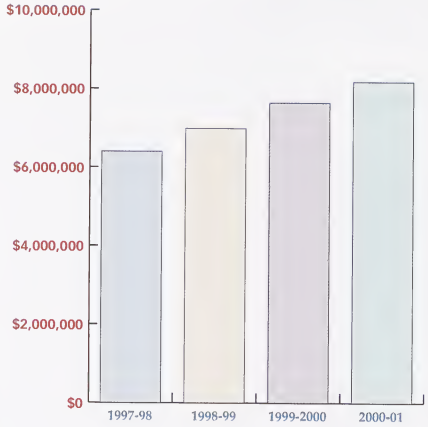

Obituaries

Hugh J. Kelly '26

1926

Hugh J. Kelly, retired publishing executive, Olive Bridge, N.Y., on November 19, 2001. Kelly retired in 1970 from McGraw-Hill, where he worked for 43 years and was a member of the board of directors since 1949. At the College, Kelly was elected Phi Beta Kappa and served as editor of *Spectator.* He briefly worked for Columbia University Press before joining McGraw-Hill's newly formed college book division in 1927. In 1932, he was chosen to lead McGraw-Hill's new trade book division, which he headed through the 1940s. During World War II, Kelly served as a major in the Army on the national headquarters staff of General Lewis B. Hershey, where he helped plan and direct the Selective Service System; he received the Army Commendation Ribbon. In 1953, Kelly was appointed a corporate vice president of McGraw-Hill, where he headed all manufacturing and services, a role he held until shortly before his retirement. In 1956, he was named executive vice president. Kelly also served as a director of Federal Paper Board Co. and of the Columbia University Press. He was active in Columbia fund raising, and at one time served as chair of the Friends of Columbia Libraries. In 1997, he made a gift and established the Hugh J. and Catherine Kelly Endowment for the annual Thomas Merton Lecture on campus. Kelly was a knight of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, a trustee of the Ulster County Historical Society and was awarded the Sister Mary Charles Medal, the highest recognition given annually by the Benedictine Health Foundation. Kelly's wife, the former Catherine M. Rice, died in 1990. He is survived by his daughter, Sister Agnes Kelly OSU; four sons, Hugh Jr., Edmund, Neill and Daniel; 18 grandchildren; and 29 great-grandchildren.

1928

Royal M. Montgomery, retired dermatologist, Silver Spring, Md., on December 14, 2001. Montgomery received his medical degree from P&S in 1931 and practiced in New York City from that year until his relocation to Silver Spring in 1983. Following is an excerpt from a letter that *CCT* received from his son, Andrew: "I can remember as a child being brought up on Lion baseball, basketball and football. In the fall, we seemed to attend all home games sitting on the 50-yard line, just above the box where Dwight Eisenhower sat. The highlight of those years was the Lions' 1947 21-20 defeat of Army with a spectacular [Gene] Rossides ['49] to [Bill] Swiacki ['48] pass in the far right-hand corner. At Homecoming, the attendance award always seemed to go to the Class of 1928. Both my dad and uncle, Andrew Peers Montgomery '24, sponsor scholarships for deserving students. Dad was a varsity swimmer, a member of Delta Upsilon and always active in Columbia functions. Manhattan was his island and Manhattan was his drink. Our whole family appreciated our ties with Columbia and can't wait for the Lion to roar once more." Montgomery married Maxine Cooley in 1934; she predeceased him in 1997. He is survived by his sons, Andrew and R. Bruce; daughter, Clare Davis; 12 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. Another daughter, Diane Greene, predeceased him.

1932

Harold Carnegie Apisdorf, attorney and real estate developer, Longboat Key, Fla., on April 13, 2000. Apisdorf was born on July 14, 1912, in New York City, the nephew of prominent American fashion designer Hattie Carnegie. He received his law degree from Yale and practiced in New York City and Greenwich, Conn., which he left more than 20 years ago to relocate to Longboat Key. Apisdorf was a member of Temple Beth Israel on Longboat Key, the Longboat Key Country Club, and the Columbia University Club of Sarasota. He is survived by his wife, June E.; son, Peter; stepsons, Thomas, Douglas and Wayne Huebner; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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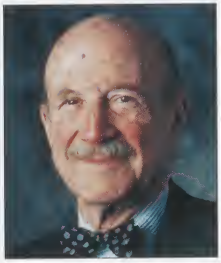
Oliver M. Neshamkin M.D., retired physician, New York, on July 8, 2001. A native New Yorker, Neshamkin earned a master's in zoology from the Graduate School in 1937 and his medical degree from Anderson College, Glasgow, Scotland, in 1942. While at Columbia, Neshamkin was a cartoonist for *Jester* and won the Silver Crown. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps as a combat surgeon with the 75th Division and earned three Battle Stars in the European Theater. After retiring as a captain, he returned to New York and joined the staff of Midtown Hospital. He served as the corporate physician for various companies before establishing a general practice in Manhattan that he maintained for more than 45 years. Unwilling to stay retired, he went back to work in his 80s at the ILGWU clinic. His love of words and humor are reflected by his uncounted entries (and prizes) in the *New York* Magazine Competition. He won many awards for sculpture, painting and photography at the New York Medical Society annual shows. His love of Columbia football was shown by his almost 55-year long attendance record. He is survived by his wife, the former Lucy Kinghorne McCallum; son, Paul '63 and his wife, Ruth; daughter, Linda, '67 Barnard, and her husband, John W. French; and two granddaughters, Anda French, Barnard '02, and Jenny French.

1936

Donald K. Beckley, retired marketing expert, Hollywood, Fla., on December 8, 2001. Beckley was born in Washington, D.C., on March 27, 1916. After graduating from the College, he received a master's from the Business School in 1937 and a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in 1948. Beckley worked in department stores for several years after graduation, then became an instructor of retailing at the Rochester Institute of Technology from 1939–42. He was on the staff of the U.S. Armed Forces Institute at the University of Chicago for the next year, followed by a year as a teacher of naval flight preparation at Monmouth (Ill.) College. Beckley served with the U.S. Army Air Force from 1944–45. He was a professor of retailing and director of the Prince School of Retailing at Simmons College in Boston from 1946–58. He then was the executive director of the Boston Center for Adult Education for the next four years, and later the director of development operations and donor relations for NYU from 1962–68. Beckley was a consultant for Franzreb and Pray Associates from 1968–75 and development coordinator for the American Museum of Natural History for a year after that. From 1977-81, he was coordinator of the New York State Commission of National Health Agencies for Federal Campaigns. Beckley co-authored several publications on merchandising. Beckley's stepson, Jeffrey Sussman, wrote *CCT* that Beckley will be missed for "his uproarious, delighted, body-shaking laughter; his sunny disposition; his piercing intelligence; his love of music; and the love he shared with my mother." Beckley's first marriage, to Eugenie Smith, ended in divorce. Flora Mack, who he married in 1980, died in 1999. Beckley is survived by his stepson and his stepson's wife, Barbara Ramsay Sussman.



Seymour J. Sindeband '36

Seymour J. Sindeband, engineer and inventor, Pound Ridge, N.Y., on February 1, 2002. Born April 20, 1916, in New York City, Sindeband also received a B.S. in 1937 and an M.A. in electrical engineering in 1938 from the Engineering School. He received the 1996 John Jay Award for Distinguished Professional Achievements from the College and the 1989 Egleston Medal for Distinguished Engineering Achievement from SEAS. Sindeband served in the Navy from 1940–46 and the Naval Reserves from 1946–55, achieving the rank of commander. His professional accomplishments include work as an engineer, inventor and facilitator

Robert Nozick '59

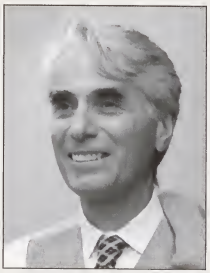
PHILOSOPHER, TEACHER, AUTHOR

A young philosopher's first book is a runaway success and thrusts him into the spotlight as a pioneer of American philosophy. He follows that with years of teaching at Harvard, a University Professorship there, more books, and myriad honors and commendations. The success of **Robert Nozick '59** of Cambridge, Mass., who passed away on January 23, was predicted early on, according to classmate Bennett Miller '59. "I was a junior Phi Beta Kappa and was invited to select the rest of the small percentage of the class that may join the group," Miller recalled. "At a meeting where we discussed classmates who might be selected, a senior University administrator — I can't recall who — stated, 'When you're dead and buried, Robert Nozick's name will live on.' " That part may certainly prove true, but did Nozick get in? "Of course," said Miller.

Nozick was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., on November 16, 1938. He attended public school, where he started out on the left by joining the youth branch of Norman Thomas's Socialist Party, and came to philosophy through a copy of Plato's *Republic,* which, as he wrote in a later book, *The Examined Life: Philosophical Meditations* (Touchstone Books, 1989), he read only some of and understood less. "But I was excited by it and knew it was something wonderful," he wrote. At the College, Nozick founded the local chapter of the Student League for Industrial Democracy, which in 1962 changed its name to Students for a Democratic Society. Nozick earned a master's in 1961 and a Ph.D. in 1963 from Princeton while serving as a philosophy instructor.

In his first book, *Anarchy, State, and Utopia* (Basic Books, 1974), Nozick starkly and vigorously attacked the forms of paternalistic government that "forbid capitalistic acts between consenting adults." The book was a critique of *Theory of Justice* (Belknap Press, 1971), written by his Harvard colleague John Rawls, who argued that it was right for the bureaucratic welfare state to redistribute wealth in order to help the poor and disadvantaged.

Written in a chatty style that



Robert Nozick '59
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was praised for its accessibility, *Anarchy, State, and Utopia* won a National Book Award and was named by *The Times Literary Supplement* as one of "The Hundred Most Influential Books Since the War." Nozick attacked the liberal orthodoxy that had created and nourished the modern welfare state. The state, he wrote, is fine, as long as it is minimal, as long as it does not coerce the individual or usurp his rights — something he argued that American government did on unexamined assumptions. He began by defending the "night watchman" state of classical 19th century theory, or the state in which government does no more than protect its members from violence, theft and breach of contract. The book transformed him from a young philosophy professor known only within his profession to the reluctant theoretician of a national political movement.

Despite a reputation as a right-wing philosopher from *Anarchy, State, and Utopia,* Nozick was intellectually diverse in his writing and teaching. In *Philosophical Explanations* (Belknap Press, 1981), he explored the nature of knowledge, the self, free will and ethics. Nozick took on subjects that many academic philosophers had dismissed as irrelevant or meaningless, such as free will versus determinism and the nature of subjective experience, and why there is something rather than nothing. *The Examined Life: Philosophical Meditations* (Touchstone Books, 1990), contained 27 essays on subjects such as love, happiness and creativity, as well as evil and the Holocaust. In 1995, he published *The Nature of Rationality* (Princeton University Press) followed by *Socratic Puzzles* (Harvard University Press) in 1997. His last book, *Invariances: The Structure of the Objective World,* was published in October 2001 by Harvard University Press.

Nozick's first book seems to have staying power, though, and his critique of America's social welfare system continues to define the debate between conservatives and liberals. Still in print, *Anarchy, State and Utopia* has been translated into 11 languages and even stood as a prop in an episode of HBO's *The Sopranos.* In a caustic reference to the state's power to protect, a witness to a murder is shown reading the book just as he learns from his wife that the mob boss Tony Soprano is the suspect. Terrified, he decides not to testify.

Nozick was chair of the Harvard philosophy department from 1981–84. He became Arthur Kingsley Porter Professor of Philosophy in 1985 and in 1998 was named the Joseph Pellegrino University Professor. Nozick received fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences. He was a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a member of the Council of Scholars of the Library of Congress, a corresponding fellow of the British Academy and a senior fellow of the Society of Fellows at Harvard. He served as the president of the American Philosophical Association's Eastern Division from 1997–98, was a Christensen visiting fellow at St. Catherine's College, Oxford University, in 1997, and was a cultural adviser to the U.S. Delegation to the UNESCO Conference on World Cultural Policy in 1982. The American Psychological Association, presenting him with its 1998 Presidential Citation, called him "one of the most brilliant and original living philosophers."

Nozick's 1959 marriage to Barbara Fierer ended in divorce. He is survived by his second wife, Gjertrud Schnackenberg, and his children from his first marriage, Emily and David.

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1937

Vincent P. Cieri, teacher, developer and consultant, Little Silver, N.J., on February 20, 2001. A native of Union City, N.J., Cieri was a pioneer in the development of research and development in computers. Sindeband developed the early telephone reservation systems for American Airlines, TWA and United Airlines. He pioneered real-time commercial use of computers and related communications equipment, exploiting the use of the magnetic disk and envisioning novel engineering and commercial potential; designed computer systems for railroads, banks and hotels; and developed early computer systems for the American Stock Exchange that used stored vocabulary to synthesize voice responses. He was a leader in the development of sonic digitizers with many applications in medicine, motion studies and robotics. Sindeband held three patents with the Navy for inventions involving magnetic mines and magnetic acoustic depth charges as well as nine patents for inventions and developments in metallurgy involving high-temperature materials and corrosion and wear-resistant parts. He was technical director for American Electro Metal Corp.; president of Mercast Corp. and Alloy Precision Casting; president of Teleregister Corp.; vice president of C.I.T. Financial; president of Kensington Equities; and president/chairman of Science Accessories Corp. Active in his community, Sindeband was a founder of Bedford Central School District #2 and later became president of the school board. He also served on the Advisory Council of the Engineering School. His interests and hobbies focused on politics and history; classic cars; collecting autographs of scientists and inventors; collecting antiques, artifacts, maps, currency and art; humor and public speaking; beekeeping; bird watching; gardening; travel; theater; and the arts. According to a remembrance sent to *CCT* by his son, Markham '64, "All who knew him found him to be a passionate, inspiring and remarkable person of great loyalty, patriotism, humor and intellect. His vitality lay in his capacity to remain interested in all that the world had to offer. His family and friends' hearts are filled with infinite pride and all whose paths crossed with his feel privileged to have known this great man." Sindeband married Elizabeth Bennett in 1939; she predeceased him. He is survived by his brother, Allan; son, Markham '64 and his wife; daughter, Carolyn S. Ricker; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Vincent P. Cieri '37

of computer-assisted instruction for the U.S. Army. He received master's and doctorate degrees in education from Teachers College in 1947 and 1955, respectively. During World War II, Cieri served from 1941–43 in the U.S. Army Signal Corps at Fort Monmouth, N.J., and the Pentagon, reaching the rank of captain. He taught at Emerson High School, Union City, from 1938–42, and was director of research and measurement for the Union City schools from 1946–58. As chief of testing and evaluation for the Signal Corps at Fort Monmouth in the 1950s, Cieri was instrumental in the development of computer-assisted instruction for the Army. He was later the Signal School's education adviser, from 1970–76, and chief of the training development office for CORADCOM at Fort Monmouth from 1976–79. Upon retirement from civil service, Cieri served as a consultant to Bell Labs, Data Communication, New York Institute of Technology, Florida State University, GTE Sylvania, Norden Systems/United Technologies, System Development Corporation/Burroughs and Tech Dyn Systems, among others. He was an adjunct faculty member in psychology at Monmouth's Graduate School of Education from 1956–70. He also taught at Brookdale Community College. Cieri authored several technical papers and was a panelist at numerous seminars on training technology, including the NATO Advanced Study Institute in Greenwich, England. He received many awards, including the Army Meritorious Civilian Service Award in 1970 and 1979. He was a member of the American Educational Research Association, the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Phi Delta Kappa and American Legion Post #1000, Trenton, N.J. He is survived by his wife, Marie Corse Cieri; daughter, Nina, and son-in-law, Harmon Willey; daughter, Marie E. Cieri; and grandchildren, Allison Willey and Todd Willey.

1939

Ralph C. Staiger, retired professor and reading professional, Newark, Del., on January 7, 2002. Born September 10, 1917, in New York City, Staiger earned a master's from Teachers College in 1942 and was awarded his doctorate in the psychology of reading by Temple University in 1952. He was executive director emeritus of the International Reading Association (IRA), serving that professional society from 1962–84. Its professional library is named in his honor. He also was adjunct professor of education at the University of Delaware until his retirement in 1984 and served as chairman of the University of Delaware Association of Retired Faculty. Beginning his education career as a teacher in Quinwood, W. Va., Staiger later took assignments as supervising principal in Portland, Pa., and reading consultant for the Utica, N.Y., school system. At the University of Southern Mississippi, he was professor of psychology and director of the school's reading clinic. He also taught in summer programs at Cornell, Rutgers and Syracuse, as well as in the U.S. Indian Service. During Staiger's tenure as chief administrative officer of the IRA, the association grew from 12,000 to 80,000 members. Staiger initiated the IRA's Literacy Award, presented annually by UNESCO to honor meritorious work in promoting literacy internationally. Staiger served as consultant to the U.S. Department of Education, was a member of the executive committee of the U.S. National Commission for UNESCO and served on the advisory committee of the Library of Congress Center for the Book. He received numerous reading-related awards and commendations and was elected to the Reading Hall of Fame in 1980. He also served as the organization's president. He was active in several other reading organizations. After his retirement from the IRA, Staiger was elected president of the United States Board on Books for Young People. He authored more than 80 publications on reading, including *Roads to Reading*, which has been translated into six languages. Staiger was his class's *CCT* correspondent (1998–2002) and treasurer. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Marian Carpenter Staiger; son, Charles, and daughter-in-law, Marsha; daughter, Joan; three granddaughters; and a goddaughter.

1943

James J. Lennon, Haddonfield, N.J., independent business problem analyst, on February 17, 2002. Lennon was born on May 7, 1921, in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., and attended parochial schools in Dobbs Ferry and Hastings-on-Hudson. After graduating from high school at 15, he worked for two years for the Yokohama Specie Bank in New York. At the College, he won a $750 scholarship and worked multiple jobs on- and off-campus, graduating with a degree in international relations. He was president of the student advisory board and a member of the Nacoms and Van Amringe honorary societies, and won his classmates' vote as Most Likely to Succeed. Lennon served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy in the Mediterranean and Pacific during World War II. From war's end through the 1970s, he worked for RCA in the United States and Canada as a manager of sales, distribution and marketing. In the late 1970s, he left RCA to found his own management advisory firm, the Lennon System, which worked with private and not-for-profit clients throughout the Delaware Valley. Lennon was active in the Haddonfield Democratic Club, Haddonfield Rotary and the Columbia Alumni Club of Philadelphia. He spearheaded and was chairman emeritus of the Columbia War Remembrance, an alumni group organizing an on-campus memorial dedicated to the memory of Columbia alumni who died in service to America from the Revolution to the present. In a letter to *CCT*, his son, Mark, wrote that Lennon "was eternally grateful for the opportunities that Columbia provided for him. It's fair to say that his time and accomplishments at Columbia were among his happiest. The good relationships and friendships he forged and maintained through his association with Columbia have been among the most important of his recent life." Lennon is survived by his wife of 55 years, Patricia Willett Lennon; brother, Joseph; son, Mark; grandsons, Emerson and Edgar Lennon; and adopted grandson, Steven Hardgrove.

1948

William A. Vessie M.D., physician, Kalispell, Mont., on December 1, 2001. Born in New York City on November 20, 1922, Vessie attended school in Greenwich, Conn., and graduated from Hackley Prep School in Tarrytown, N.Y., in 1941. He attended Dartmouth for a year, then enlisted with the Marine Corps in December 1942. After the war, he returned to New York, completed his education at the College and received his M.D. from P&S in 1954. He did his residency, internship and fellowship in the urology department at Roosevelt Hospital in New York. Prior to an accident in 1964 that left him quadriplegic, Vessie was a world-class athlete, holding international high jump records that were unbroken for 30 years. Vessie later moved to Montana, which he had vowed to do after seeing the area during the war while he was in charge of transferring troops from Chicago to San Francisco. He practiced in Kalispell, Mont., until 1983, and then accepted a position as a prison physician in Deer Lodge with the Montana Department of Institutions until his retirement in 1990. His interests included fly-fishing, fly-tying, calf-roping (he became one of the world's 10 best rodeo ropers), race horses, falconry and dogs. He then returned to Kalispell. Vessie is survived by his wife, Donna; sons, Joel, Thomas and Timothy; stepchildren, Dixie, Lance, Lisa, Julie and Brenda; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Robert N. Landes '52

1952

Robert N. Landes, retired executive vice president and general counsel, Naples, Fla., on January 25, 2002. Landes earned a degree from the Law School in 1954, where he was editor of the *Columbia Law Review* and a Harlan Fisk Stone Scholar. From

OTHER DEATHS REPORTED

Columbia College Today has learned of the deaths of the following alumni:

1943 **Daniel E. Chieco,** attorney, Sparta, N.J., on March 3, 2001. Chieco earned a degree from the Law School in 1945.

1961 **Robert E. Kowaleski,** Ware, Mass., on June 27, 2000.

1974 **David A. Hathy,** Pittsburgh, on November 19, 2001.

Tyler Ugolyn '01

The following is edited from a tribute to Tyler Ugolyn '01 *that was written by family and friends and appeared in his local newspaper,* The Ridgefield (Conn.) Press.

Tall, good-looking, with a laugh that made others laugh with him, Tyler Ugolyn '01 led by example and turned his talent for sports into a vehicle to help others. The 1997 graduate of Ridgefield (Conn.) High School, a committed basketball star who earned his way to Columbia College as an athlete and a scholar, died at 23 on September 11, a victim of the World Trade Center attack.

Tyler, or "Ty" as he was affectionately known, was the son of Victor and Diane Ugolyn. Born on August 7, 1978, in Springfield, Mass., his basketball skill led him to be rated as one of the top 275 high school seniors in the country by *Prep Stars Recruiter's Handbook* during his senior year. He was named to First Team All Area and FCIAC Division. In addition, he was nominated to the 1997 McDonald's High School All-American Team and received honorable mention recognition from the *adidas Blue Ribbon Handbook.*

Although Tyler was co-captain of his varsity basketball team and also played varsity tennis and JV baseball, he took his studies very seriously. He was an honors student at Ridgefield H.S. and a member of the National Honor Society. He was active in Safe Rides, Young Life, Key Club, Future Business Leaders and Big Brothers Big Sisters. He also was a student-athlete representative for Parent to Parent, selected by the high school to discuss with parents of incoming freshmen how to balance academics with athletics.

A patriotic person, Tyler was one of four students awarded an internship to attend a summer week in Washington, D.C., to work with local and national government representatives. His essay on the Bill of Rights won recognition by the Library of Congress and the State of Connecticut in a national social studies competition.

An economics major at Columbia, Tyler continued his involvement on and off the court. Hampered by injuries, he ended his varsity basketball career in his junior year and channeled his energy into other activities. For his fraternity, Kappa Delta Rho, Tyler served as vice president, secretary and Webmaster.

Tyler Ugolyn '01
PHOTO: EILEEN BARROSO

A devout Catholic who attended Mass regularly and had a natural leadership quality, Tyler became one of the founding members of Columbia Catholic Athletes. He initiated and ran an inner-city youth basketball league for Harlem children, was active in the annual Columbia Outreach program and was a soup kitchen volunteer in Harlem.

He became a Eucharistic Minister and served as a sponsor for a friend who converted to Catholicism. He also participated as a Columbia representative, along with students from Poland, Spain, Argentina and Italy, in a transatlantic televised prayer service with Pope John Paul II to pray the Rosary in Latin for world peace.

After graduation, Tyler joined Fred Alger Management, an investment firm in the World Trade Center, as a research associate. He intended to go on for his M.B.A. and receive his C.F.A., become a portfolio manager, and eventually start his own investment management firm. He interned in summer 2000 with legendary money manager David Alger, whose wife said that her husband "didn't hire Tyler, he adopted him."

Tyler was never afraid to show his strong faith or his family commitment. His friends at Ridgefield and Columbia called him a self-assured, fun-loving guy who always found even the simplest things entertaining. "He was a presence," said one friend.

"No, he was his own presence. He was an inspiration to be around. He was the centerpiece."

The September 24, 2001 issue of *Sports Illustrated* featured a tribute to Tyler, "Picture This Perfect – Tyler Ugolyn went from being a face on a missing person flier to a friend you wish you'd met." Our Lady of Fatima, his middle school, dedicated its flagpole in his memory, and Ridgefield High retired his basketball jersey No. 34 and hung it on the gym wall next to the American flag.

He loved Columbia, New York City, the Yankees and his 1992 GMC Typhoon. "Tyler lived a beautiful life with great friends," said his father. "He worked hard and played hard, touching so many people, and his legacy will live on through them."

The program at Tyler's memorial service contained his thoughts about a poem he wrote where he said, "There are things that every person carries with them that they wish they could have changed if they had a chance or could have been different all together. Mistakes will be made by everyone but must be accepted and not dwelled upon. Just living your life in the present is the best thing to do. There is nothing you can do about the things that have already happened, but the things in the future are for you to decide."

Tyler left behind many friends and family members including his parents and his younger brother, Trevor, a sophomore at Cornell.

A memorial foundation has been established in Tyler's memory: The Tyler Ugolyn Foundation, c/o Ridgefield Bank, PO Box 2050, Ridgefield, CT 06877. There is also a Web site in Tyler's memory, www.tylerugolyn.com.

1954–57, he served as a lieutenant junior grade in the Navy. From 1957–61, Landes was an associate with Shearman & Sterling. He then moved to U.S. Industries, where in 1970 he was named vice president and general counsel of U.S.I. Apparel, a subsidiary. In 1974, he joined McGraw-Hill, where he handled first amendment cases, negotiated acquisitions and divestitures and defended McGraw-Hill against a hostile takeover in 1979. He retired from the company in 1996. Landes was on the board of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law and a member of the New York City Bar Association. He chaired the Lawyers' Committee of the Association of American Publishers as well as the legal affairs committee of the Magazine Publishers Association, and wrote articles for the *New York Law Journal.* Landes served on the Board of Directors for the Society of Columbia Graduates and was treasurer of the Law School Alumni Association. He lectured at the Law School during 1996. Landes is survived by his wife, Phyllis Markman Landes; son, Jeffrey; daughters, Lucy Harrop and Kathy Braddock; daughter-in-law, Andrea Landes; son-in-law, Mark Harrop; and three grandchildren.

1961

James F. Dana M.D., physician, Nesconset, N.Y., on December 28, 2001. Dana attended the Hill School on a Dupont Scholarship and the College on an academic scholarship. While in prep school he won the American Legion Oratorical Championship for Pennsylvania, and while at the College he won the trophy in original oratory in the Irish feis, a cultural festival that was held at Fordham. While at the College, he ran track and rowed crew on the lightweight team. He attended New York Medical College, and after becoming a physician served as a commander in the U.S. Public Health Service. He later served as deputy coroner and narcotics examiner of Suffolk County. Dana taught many physical therapists at Touro College, where an academic chair was endowed in his name. He also served as a forensic specialist in legal trials. At the time of his death, Dana was a practicing physician of physical rehabilitative medicine. He is survived by his wife, Alice; son, James; daughters, Ali Nicole and Melissa; and brother, Thomas '58.

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I received a letter from **Warner Henrickson** of La Mirada, Calif., filled with much that's worth repeating here to stir our recollections of campus days. He asks the simple question, "In what ways do you remember those College days?" He cites a few memories that stand out.

He recalls that phenomenal lecturer, Dwight C. Miner '26, flipping his coattails to indicate the chill winds blowing through the castles at the time of the Crusades. When Miner left, the students were visibly stunned by his eloquence. Then, Warren writes, there were two professors who led him through the great books — Jacques Barzun '27 and Lionel Trilling '25. Trilling, ever the critic, complained that the English language has only one unsatisfactory word for sexual intercourse.

Warren also recalls when **Bill Weisel** was playing all the variations of "The Carnival of Venice" on his trumpet in the lobby of his dorm and Herman Wouk '34 was writing a varsity show with the hit song "Have a Cigar" with the other hit song "You Can Bring this Country Back to Par By Learning to Say 'Have a Cigar.' "

Then there was that upset Rose Bowl game in which Lou Little's underdogs shut out Stanford. Stanford had four downs to make that one yard. In Miner's next class, when **Al Barabas** was present at its conclusion, Miner shut his book and said, "Every Columbia man was on the one-yard line."

Ruth and **Ed Rickert**, who lived for several years on Long Island, sold their Rockville Centre house in September. They moved to a retirement facility in Mill Creek, Wash., near Seattle, to be closer to their children. They flew out of Kennedy Airport very early on the morning of September 11, a few hours before the World Trade Center disaster. They got out without incident. However, the moving van with Ed's grand piano and their belongings took a couple of weeks to arrive, having encountered a roadblock in Illinois and a subsequent search for explosives or other contraband due presumably to intensified security. They are happy with their home with its retinue of services.

Catherine and **Bill Sitterley**, who, after Bill's retirement several years ago moved from the Bethlehem, Pa., area to Naples, Fla., have now moved to a retirement facility in the Naples community. Last spring, they attended all of commencement week from baccalaureate Sunday to Class Day, Commencement and our 65th reunion. One of their granddaughters, Meredith, was a member of the Class of 2001. A grandson, James, has been accepted for the Columbia M.B.A. program. He will be the sixth member of the Sitterley family to receive a Columbia degree, truly a great record.

Lorayne and **Charles Stock** left Vermont several years ago for the Florida Keys and are now permanently living there. For the past six or so years, Charlie has been teaching Spanish to adults. Last summer, Charlie and Lorayne went to Spain and found that they could converse with residents in a half-dozen cites with different dialects. Charlie is writing a compact textbook of Spanish designed for adult managers who need to learn the basics quickly. It should be ready for the printer by early summer. Congratulations to an enterprising octogenarian!

Paul V. Nyden, your class correspondent, would like to add a couple of names to those mentioned as great lecturers by **Warner Henrickson** above. Pro-

Herman Wouk '34 Raises Caine, Again

He entered the College at 16 and graduated at 20 after serving as a staff writer of the *Spectator* and editor of the *Jester*, a portent of literary things to come. **Herman Wouk '34** went on to become one of this nation's greatest storytellers, and he recently returned to Morningside Heights to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the publication of his Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *The Caine Mutiny*.

Wouk's reading on February 7 at the Kraft Family Center for Jewish Student Life had been postponed from last fall following the events of September 11. The event was held in conjunction with the Rare Books and Manuscript Library, where many of Wouk's papers are housed.

Wouk briefly addressed the audience of several hundred, reflecting on what he described as the unexpected success of his novels, which include *Winds of War* and *War and Remembrance*. He also reflected on his days at the College, which awarded him the Alexander Hamilton Medal for distinguished service and accomplishment in 1980. "Columbia is, in effect, a philosopher's holiday," Wouk said at the time, referring to the title of a book by one of his favorite professors, Irwin Edman '16. "Philosopher, because you came to grips with ideas and values that matter most. Holiday, because it is exciting and alive and great fun. It's a glorious school. I owe what skill I have in the wielding of the English language to what I learned at Columbia."

Herman Wouk '34 ***reads from*** **The Caine Mutiny** ***at the Kraft Center.***
PHOTO: SHAWN CHOY '03

The son of Russian Jewish parents who emigrated from Minsk, Wouk grew up in the Bronx, attended public schools and enrolled at Columbia at a time "when great numbers of Americans, young and old, came to believe that the capitalist system had betrayed the citizenry, and that the whole structure was obsolete and doomed. We had a spell of upheaval and agitation at Morningside; it took place in the spring, as those things do. Thirty-five years had to pass before an equally radical crisis in American life, the Vietnam War, would evoke in Columbia College a comparable springtime storm.

"Trustees are embarrassed at such tempestuous moments, and alumni fret. As my hair has gone from thin and black to thin and gray, I have evolved from a vocal demonstrator to an anxious fretter. But now, as then, I am secretly proud of what these rough moments indicate. My school dwells at the leading edge of social events and of progressive thought. Its situation in New York, the world's greatest city, so wealthy, dazzling and racked by change, guarantees this. In the long, quiet years, as well as in the brief troubled outbursts, Columbia is — to use the vivid jargon of the moment — where it's at."

In introducing Wouk, who will be 87 on May 27, Dean Austin Quigley called him a writer who "has displayed a variety of talents — an indispensable gift as a storyteller, a capacity to create vivid and original characters, a remarkable ability to depict in evocative detail social and historical situations, a highly developed sense of humor and irony, and in the midst of it all, a strong sense of moral imperative, of the importance of understanding how human beings make choices, how people invoke, abandon and defend values. This is not the moral imperative of an ideologue who thinks he knows what is best for everyone in all circumstances, but the moral imperative of someone who recognizes with sympathy and humor the force of the old phrase that if we do not all hang together, we will surely hang separately."

Quigley concluded his introduction by describing Wouk as "a true son of Columbia, a man of great religious faith, great artistic talent, and great human achievement."

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fessor Carleton Hayes (Class of 1904) had an inimitable style of lecturing in his field of modern European history and nationalism as he paraded back and forth across the lecture hall to keep us spellbound. During World War II, he was appointed ambassador to Spain with the express purpose of keeping Spain from entering World War II on the Axis side.

Another great lecturer was Charles Woolsey Cole, an expert on 18th and 19th century British and French mercantilism with emphasis on Colbert. One of the great privileges that we had in our days at Columbia was that many full professors taught our courses — not so common in later years.

With this column of Class Notes, I conclude almost 25 years as your class correspondent, a task bequeathed me by **Al Barabas.** It's been an interesting assignment, and I have enjoyed the contact with many of our readers.

[Editor's note: The staff of CCT *thanks Paul Nyden for more than two decades of service as the '36 class correspondent. We will miss his devotion to Class Notes, and we wish him all the best in retirement. Please send any future notes to the* CCT *office.]*

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Vincent Milligan, who was director of the French Institute in Manhattan before he retired some 18 years ago, keeps himself busy reading and by taking long walks in and around Central Park.

Frank Michel, who was manager of the tennis team in 1937, became a New York lawyer specializing in real estate and estates. He's a widower with five children and eight grandchildren. He lives with one of his daughters as he recovers from what he calls membership in his own AAA league: people who've had an abdominal aortic aneurysm.

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Harry Schwartz was a Pulitzer scholar and our class valedictorian, with a subsequent distinguished and high-visibility career. His direction was set in place by some graduate work in agricultural economics before he was drafted. After Harry completed basic infantry training (with what he recalls as particular ineptitude), he was assigned to the OSS in Washington, with a focus on Soviet agriculture and food needs. He remained there, with his wife, Ruth, for the balance of the war. Completing his Ph.D. at Columbia, he briefly taught here, at Brooklyn College and Syracuse, until he was hired by *The New York Times* in 1949. It was to be a 90-day assignment — and continued for 30 years! As a *Times* correspondent and member of the editorial board, he became a noted writer on Russia, and, later, on medicine. One groundbreaking book, written in 1953, described how the Soviet economy worked. Another, the highly lauded *The Case For American Medicine*, grew out of extensive and tragic contact with the medical system — particularly P&S — in the course of his children's illnesses. In all, he's written 23 books. Retiring in 1979, he continued to write and lecture.

I asked Harry if he knew the name Simeon Strunsky, Class of 1900, columnist and an editor of the editorial page of the *Times* for many years. "He was a legend" at the paper, Harry replied. Strunsky was my father's closest friend at Columbia and afterward. My father also graduated in 1900, and his yearbook is inscribed "co-owned with Simeon Strunsky" on the flyleaf, I assume to share the cost. Dad had a Pulitzer scholarship, $350 a year plus free tuition. Each student had two pages in the yearbook: one for a photo, and on the facing page, an essay. Dad wrote a witty bio, from his 1879 birth in Austria-Hungary and his arrival in the U.S. at age 3, through his father's failed attempt to establish the family as farmers in Kansas — in the face of "Indians, coyotes and tornadoes" — to life at his schools, including his seven years at Horace Mann and Columbia via the Pulitzer.

Alvin Turken and I had not been in touch for years, until my recent call. We were close friends at Columbia and for some time afterward, until his move to Beverly Hills. Alvin was another Pulitzer scholar and probably the youngest member of our class. He went on to earn an M.D. at P&S, following in the footsteps of his dad, a dedicated family physician in the Lower East Side. Alvin chose orthopedic surgery as a specialty and still practices 52 years later. He and his wife, Debby, have three sons and four grandchildren; I was very touched as he recalled that one of their sons is named after me. For many years, Alvin has been actively involved with Israel's Institute of Technology in Haifa. He described some of their outstanding current work, including stem cell research.

Ed White is an active and much appreciated e-mail correspondent, with an amazing memory for nostalgia-evoking events and studies 60-plus years ago, on campus or at our pre-engineers' Camp Columbia. Ed graduated as a chemical engineer and had a distinguished career as a civilian with the Navy, as I've previously reported. In post-retirement, he's continuing his professional involvement with ASTM International on petroleum products and lubricants matters. "It could keep me busy 24 hours a day!" he says. It sounds as if he's in excellent physical shape as well, helped along by an active exercise program that includes curling. I learned it's a competitive sport that involves pushing 42-lb. rocks from one end of an ice rink to the other.

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Ray Robinson, a noted author of books about baseball, has written another. *Pennants & Pinstripes: The New York Yankees, 1903–2002*, is a heavily illustrated 100-year history of the New York Yankees. The book's features include "all-time" Yankees teams chosen by Yogi Berra, Jim Bouton and Tommy Henrich. *[Editor's note: Please see "Glory Days," page 21, for more on Robinson and the book.]* Ray has been named to the honorary board of the Greater New York Chapter of the ALS Association, which raises money to fight the disease that killed Lou Gehrig '25, among others.

A newsy letter from **John Lyons,** who suffered a stroke some years ago, was forwarded by **Arthur Weinstock.** John resides in Florida with his daughter, Susan, and son-in-law, Mike, and, although still unable to speak, John seems able to write as well as travel with Sue and Mike. They have made several trips to Louisiana to visit John's granddaughter, Colleen, and her family. John has two great-granddaughters, ages 5 and 10. He attends local community theater performances as well as area meetings of FBI retirees.

As noted in the November 2001 issue of *CCT*, **Ray Raimondi,** professor emeritus of English at SUNY in Middletown, N.Y., died on August 14, 2001. A considerable number of his friends, colleagues and former students have contributed to three lasting tributes to Ray. There is a Ray Raimondi Scholarship awarded annually to two outstanding returning sophomores at SUNY; an inscribed memorial brick has been placed in the walk leading to the building where he worked; and a memorial plaque has been installed on the wall outside his former office.

Through the efforts of his loving companion, Judith Sagan, as well as his two daughters, the **Herbert C. Spiselman** Memorial Endowment for Fencing has been created. A ceremony was held in the Dodge Fencing Room on February 2 that included the unveiling of a biographical plaque to be installed in the room. The endowment will help enable the fencing team to travel to international matches, something that hitherto has been beyond their budget. Attendees at the ceremony included Mary Louise and **Hugh Barber,** Fanny and **Ted de Bary,** Ann and **Jim Dick,** Cynthia and **Arthur Friedman,** Betty and **Arthur Weinstock** and **Bob Zucker**. The athletics department welcomes additional contributions, which can be directed to augment this endowment.

Lastly, it is my sad duty to report the passing of **Bill Trenn** on April 8, 2001, as the result of serious injuries sustained in an automobile accident five days earlier. Bill, formerly of Westfield, N.J., and Rochester, Mich., had retired from General Motors in 1980, subsequently moving to Palm Harbor, Fla. He was predeceased by his wife, Betty, but is survived by two daughters and four grandchildren.

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With a major reunion looming, I have spoken to many classmates in addition to my regular sources. As a result, I have some fresh information for you about some old friends.

Thanks to **Phil Hobel,** I was able to reconnect with **Marvin Karp.** Marv and I lived in neighboring communities for years but lost contact. Marv is well and keeps busy in a retirement community in Peekskill, N.Y. Earlier, he had been a neighbor of **Don Seligman**. Phil continues to

expand his film activities and has no thought of retirement.

In a long e-mail, **Bob Wolf** shared some details of his interesting and productive career in government. Trained in forestry, Bob worked — after graduation and military service — in senior positions for several government agencies and congressional committees, often in concert with such eminent leaders as Senator Mike Mansfield. He developed, among other projects, budgets and land use and forestry policies. His is a fascinating story that deserves telling in depth. **Dave Harrison**, editor of the class newsletter, has been alerted.

Another classmate with a long and distinguished career in government after Columbia and the Army is **Frank Schiff**, who was an economist with the Federal Reserve Bank and with the Council of Economic Advisors and rose to serve as deputy undersecretary of the Treasury. He is still very much involved with the Council on Foreign Relations and similar groups. He and his wife, Erika, divide their time between homes in Alexandria, Va., and Berkeley Springs, W.Va. Here's another career for the newsletter.

I thought I would be representing our class at **Dave Harrison**'s 80th birthday celebration. It turns out that I wasn't alone. **Charles West** also was there. We enjoyed a long talk about books and our travels east and west, especially our time spent in the Far East.

Now comes the hard part for you. For me to meet *CCT*'s more frequent deadlines for these notes, I need your help and input. Send me news.

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We heard some good news about two grandchildren of classmates: Blair Bodine, who is **Joe Carty**'s granddaughter, and Michael Ryzewic, a grandson of **Gene Remmer** (who unfortunately passed away years ago) received early admittance to the College.

Blair graduated from Deerfield Academy with honors and was active in extracurricular activities. Among her accomplishments was her work for different charities, especially for children in Africa. She produced video and CD recordings that received wide acclaim.

As we all know, Joe was involved in forming the John Jay Associates and it was his idea to invite the descendants of John Jay to attend our first dinner. The family sent Margaret Jay, who made the initial address to the group.

Gene graduated at the head of our class, and Michael inherited his genes. Gene was captain of the crew, and the boathouse is named for him. Michael won the Yale alumni nook award as well as the Bausch and Lomb science medal and six academic awards in specific courses. He also has his pilot's license. Michael was intensely courted by the top schools in the country such as Harvard, MIT, Princeton and Stanford, and it is a real tribute to Columbia that he selected our school.

We must pass along kudos to Eric Furda and his admissions staff for the terrific job that they are doing. Small wonder that we are such a hot school!

One final note that may be of interest to the Class of '43: We are the only class in the history of the University that has had three trustees serve on the 24-member Board of Trustees at the same time. They are **Gene Remmer, Sam Higginbottom** (who also served as chair) and **Connie Maniatty.** That is an outstanding accomplishment for our class!

There are two sculptures by **Stan Wyatt** on the campus: the Teaching Lion at Butler Library and the bronze bust of John Jay in the hall of the same name. There also is a bronze relief of the Columbia Lion at the Columbia Club, 15 W. 43rd St. Enjoy.

Lou Gallo has recently become an octogenarian; the good news is that he can still walk without a cane. He refers again to the Core Curriculum (circa 1939–40), which instilled in him "a sense of the perniciousness of a closed mind."

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Dr. **Robert McInerney:** Sage Pittsfield, Mass., physician and grandpa of an even dozen is preparing to teach again, with a fellow M.D. of mature years, at Berkshire Institute. Next class will deal with immunology. Stylish spouse Gloria of Barnard fame reports her mate is in tip-top form, as is his new knee, a real winner in airport metal detectors.

Joseph Leff: Soft-spoken philanthropist and CEO of National Spinning has shifted his title to chairman. When in the Big Apple area, he's still at his mid-Manhattan office three or four days a week. Most of the winter, of course, he's sunning in Boca Raton, where he admits to "playing golf under an assumed name."

Professor **Theodore Hoffman:** Retired but still cunning theater savant tanning at his winter hideout in Tucson before returning in June to the island farm off Canada. Taking a pause in penning — all right, computer bashing — insightful recollections of his academic and personal growth, he's fascinated by the Army's renting his dog trainer daughter's top student for breeding military houndware.

Walter Wager: In the same month that classmate **Gordon Cotler** finished his term on the national board of Mystery Writers of America, your dawdling class president was elected to serve on that body.

N.B. Creative minds at the Alumni Office have compiled a list of e-mail addresses, class by class. You might find your mellow old roommate, best friend or fellow chess wizard. Ping-pong?

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Jack E. Oliver's autobiography, *Shakespeare Got It Wrong. It's Not 'To Be,' It's 'To Do,'* was published in four issues of *The Journal of Northeaster Geology and Environmental Science* during late 2000 and 2001. Jack kindly sent me a copy, which I found fascinating, as he tells his life story of being enamored with science in high school and selecting Columbia over Harvard, Cornell and Case because of Columbia's emphasis on earth science history, which led Jack to advanced degrees and international recognition in his field as a geophysicist.

Aside from being an excellent student, Jack's athletic ability earned him varsity status in football and basketball at Columbia. Jack has visited 54 countries or regions and has received many honors and awards. He and his wife, Gertrude, live in Ithaca, N.Y., and have two daughters and two granddaughters. You may write him at 3110 Snee Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853 or e-mail him at jeo8@cornell.edu to learn how to obtain a copy of his autobiography. Classmates, this is the kind of interesting information you are hiding; break loose, and let's have it for this column.

Jack's emphasis on "doing" leads me to mention a nonprofit organization I started in the early '80s, The Community of Doers. The purpose is based on the biblical words of James 1:22: "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only." How many people go to religious services and hear about doing good things but never get beyond that stage of hearing?

COD deals with many basic societal problems. It states that we depend too much on foreign oil and should strive to develop more advanced means of public transportation and more efficient cars. We have gone from an agricultural to an industrial to a service economy, and I am thinking of technology in the service economy. But so many jobs have been lost for one reason or another in all areas of life. Where do we go from here? What do people do for meaningful work?

COD's objective is to establish a cultural and arts society where, much in the way of the medieval days of patrons of the arts, people can be gainfully engaged in drama, poetry, philosophy, music, mathematics and the like with a restoration of the old trades like glass-blowing and silversmithing. Funds could come from concerts and the sale of products with government support. COD also deals with short-term election campaigns using television with government funding.

COD presents other radical ideas because radical solutions are needed for radical problems. A person who read my COD statement told me that I wanted to save the world. Whereupon I replied that he had read the statement correctly. Jack, is that going too far beyond your concern with "doing?" If you would like a copy of the COD program, please write to me.

The Columbia College Fund 49th Annual Report for 2000–2001 has 89 names listed for donors in the 263-member Class of '45 for a 33.84 percentage of participation with a total donation of $33,198. This amount puts us considerably behind classes similar to ours in all categories. Can we do better next time?

Assignments are being handed out again for personal information for the next writing of this column. May we hear from or about **Albert S. Beasley, Howard S. Bess, Howard L. Wilson** and **Alvin M. Zucker**. Thanks in advance for your anticipated cooperation.

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I received an e-mail from Harold Samelson '45 with the sad news that **Harvey Winston** died on February 5 after a long illness. I wish Harold had included some news about himself. Those wishing to contact him can try samelsonh@juno.com.

Also received a long letter from **Ted Smith,** who is listed as '47 but should be '46. Ted was my first roommate at Columbia in July

1943 as the V-12s took over the USS Hartley and USS Livingston. He had come from the fleet and was much more Navy-savvy than the rest of us poor civilians. I last saw Ted at the 55th reunion. He reminisced about our engineering classmate, Jerry Harris. Jerry and Ted were best man at each others' weddings. Ted and his wife, Kay, split their time between New Hampshire and Florida. For the past few falls, he has thoroughly enjoyed the Columbia football team's victories over Dartmouth. To Ted, I say, "Many thanks for your New Year's greeting."

Howard Clifford checked in from All Saints, Mont., where he is conducting special tours of the Rodeo Grounds for the little old ladies who come to the area to retire. He says he is much in demand. Howard remembered how Ted used to gross out our other V-12 roommate, **Jim Eliasoph,** by lying on the lower bunk smoking foul cigars. That was Ted's privilege for being an "old salt."

This column is supposed to be written every two months and your class correspondent needs some help from his fellow '46ers.

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This is written during the brief interval betwixt two cataract operations (one eye corrected; the other still passably useful). No sympathy cards, please — just another sign of increasing age while retaining youthful cheer, neither uncommon among our classmates, I should imagine.

Ed Gold has chaired a fund committee, which is about to complete its work after allocating $1.6 million for capital projects in respect of social service, educational, environmental and cultural organizations in his Lower Manhattan district. He has written several articles for his newspaper, *The Villager* (which recently engaged Ed Koch as its movie critic) about the impact of disasters we've lived through, up to and inclusive of 9/11. Ed recalls being on the *Spec* managing board when FDR died. As he remembers it, members of the board to whom FDR was the devil incarnate insisted on retaining the planned editorial about a College dance, limiting mention of the president's death to a front page box in which it was remarked that FDR had an impact — no more, no less. Need one add, "O tempora, O mores!"

Ed has heard from **George Borts,** still teaching history at Brown. George lives in Providence with his wife, Dolly.

Andy Lazarus' latest literary oeuvre is a novel, *The Street of the Four Winds*, to be published this spring. He describes the fictitious adventures of a group of Columbians in Paris shortly after WWII, "having a good time and learning some things about themselves." Andy acknowledges that the basic idea derived from conversations with classmates at an early reunion. He looks forward to meeting some of them again, and many others, at Arden House in June. Meanwhile, he remains active in his public relations agency.

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My thanks to those of you who took the trouble to let me know, by letter or e-mail, that you didn't want me to stop writing these notes, as I indicated that I might do. Besides **David N. Brainin, Charles D. Cole** and **Fred W. DeVries**, whom I wrote about in the March issue, I heard from **Raymond G. Auwarter, Robert Silbert** and **Jean Turgeon,** whose e-mail about my work as your class correspondent was short and sweet, and I thank him for it.

Raymond G. Auwarter began commuting to the College in 1944. Among his campus friends were **Marshall Mascott, Ken Bernstein, Bill Vessie** and his Varsity C lockermate, Bill Swiacki '49, for Ray joined the varsity basketball team. Later, his brothers, Henry and Richard, were captains of Columbia swim teams. The three brothers may have set a Columbia record for one family in one decade.

Ray's education was interrupted by his enlistment in a special Naval program. On returning to campus, he played only one basketball game under Gordon Ridings before deciding that the accelerated postwar program he had elected required total commitment to studies. He was encouraged to make this decision by his advisers, Harry Carman and Lawrence Chamberlain. Earlier, Ray may have been present at the origination of the three-point shot, when he was sixth man off the bench after forwards Norman Skinner '50 and Tom Wood '49, center Howard Dobel '45E and guards **John Profant** and **Al Garcia** in a game with Fordham at the Columbia gymnasium on February 7, 1945, under Columbia coach Elmer Ripley, an original Celtic. The game was played under new rules proposed by Howard Hobson, Oregon coach, and Julian Rice '40, intended to give the longer shot greater worth, eliminate the zone defense and decrease the emphasis on big men in basketball.

If you want to know who won the game, you can write Ray at the home to which he and his wife, Roberta, moved two years ago, after 30 years of living in Brookville, Long Island, and in an apartment at Beekman Place. His address is 60148 Davie, Chapel Hill, NC 27517. If you do write him, ask him for a copy of *Where Was I?*, his account of how he and a colleague witnessed both of the 9/11 attacks on the Trade Center Towers and then escaped from the 24th floor of a nearby building, 195 Broadway. As Ray puts it, "We were more than lucky; we were blessed."

In January, **Robert Silbert** M.D. sent me a pleasant e-mail, and my reply led him to favor me first with a heartwarming follow-up and then with one of the most welcome phone calls I have received since **Lewis Kurke** called me a year or so ago. However, when Bob called, I wasn't at my desk (where my phone log is), and now on deadline day, to my embarrassment, the detailed notes I took at the time on a loose piece of paper can't be found, so I am not able to tell you more about Bob other than that he is a practicing psychiatrist in New York City and a very nice guy. I hope to soon reestablish contact with Bob, with logbook at the ready, in time to write about him more thoroughly in the next edition of these notes.

By the way, I learned to keep a detailed phone log in 1963 from my boss, subsequent mentor and eventual friend, the late Dr. Francis O. Schmitt, institute professor at MIT, when he was the founding director of the MIT Neurosciences Research Program and I was his right-hand man as communications director. Schmitt, who had coined the term "neurosciences" in 1961, advised me, "Record every call you make or get, if only to know every promise you made and" — he added with a twinkle — "every lie you may have told." He also took copious notes of lectures at the interdisciplinary workshops we organized on research vanguards, using blue ink on the right-hand page to record findings and red ink on the left-hand page to record original ideas inspired in him by what he'd heard. He later rated each speaker's talk by the ratio of red-ink notes to blue-ink notes, believing, as the English physicist Ernest Rutherford said, "Data is evidence of *something*!"

My ego also got a boost from **George A. Swisshelm,** who began a letter by saying he had enjoyed my November Class Notes in verse. The main body of his letter was about his "latest hobby" — his WWII memoirs, which, in reply to an ad in the *Darien Times*, he sent to historian William O. Oldson at the Institute on World War II at Florida State, apparently at about the same time as **Durham Caldwell's** compilation but before the recent publication of *War Letters* by Andrew Carroll '93 and the current collecting of such memorabilia by the Library of Congress.

What George sent the institute were his memories, not his war letters, which he can't find, even though his family saved every V-mail letter he wrote and he saw them as recently as eight years ago, when his wife, Annie, insisted he go through a lifetime of accumulated papers and junk as much as possible. George's letter highlighted an episode involving the difference in mathematical ability between two enlisted reserve corps students from Columbia — **Max Rosenlicht**, a brilliant math major, and George, self-described as "math-mediocre." During the Battle of the Bulge, George was kept in a mobile anti-aircraft unit that fired 40mm guns and 50 caliber machine guns, while Max, because of his math competence, was assigned to help work 90mm guns designed to throw up electronically coordinated four-gun salvos to produce concussion blasts among large formations of high-flying enemy bombers.

However, by that time (late 1944), the Luftwaffe didn't have enough big bombers left to gather into large formations but did have "Red Baron wannabees" piloting fighter planes that swept in low and fast, too fast for the big guns that Max fired, but "red meat" for the less complicated guns that George fired. Though Max's sophisticated four-gun unit had worked itself out of a job, he got a million-dollar wound and a Purple Heart, while George did not, in all of his 36 months in the Army. George can be written to at 37 Philips Ln, Darien, CT 06820.

Reflecting on **Ray Auwarter's** *Where Was I?* and on George's 1000-word letter, I wish that when I received them, I had thought to send copies to the editors of *CCT*, for possible verbatim publication in an expanded Letters column, if not in a new section of writings by alumni. But I thought of it only now. If later I learn that either manuscript has been published, I will let you know. Meanwhile, Happy Spring!

P.S.: Jay C. Fernandez '49, would like to get back in touch with **Frank Jay MacKain,** of whom he lost track in the late '70s. Jay

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Our esteemed past president, **Bill Lubic,** has, with his wife, Ruth, announced semi-retirement — which means they will each continue what they have been doing, but on a 50 percent time basis with a lot less of the commuting that they have been doing for the past eight years. Time will be divided between their Manhattan brownstone and a condo in Washington, D.C.

The event was celebrated with two-and-a-half-weeks of travel in Italy, mostly Florence, during the Christmas/New Year holidays, quartered at a former Rockefeller villa in Fiesole and traveling with a Georgetown faculty/student group, revisiting the Renaissance (really the Rinascimiento, no?) where it all began. Humanities A readings came floating back, notes Bill, with a renewed sense of curiosity and public responsibility. In October, Ruth was awarded the Lienhard Award by the National Institute of Medicine (former awardees include **Bob Butler** and former Surgeon General Everett Koop) and designated a "Living Legend" by the American Academy of Nursing.

Bill enclosed with his letter a copy of *The New York Times* obit for **Lou Kusserow**, who died last June, and of course it mentioned **Bill Swiacki**'s spectacular catch to win the Army game 21–20. Swiacki, too, is sadly no longer among us.

Having heard nothing else from or about our members beyond the above, one follows the advice of Lewis Carroll: Begin at the beginning, continue until you come to the end, then stop. Best regards to all of you!

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Ray Annino has updated his Web site to feature a gallery show of his watercolors. Go to http://pages.prodigy.net/raya1 and take a look at some nice art by a classmate.

Desmond Callan has retired from medical practice but is still involved in health care in Columbia County, N.Y., where he is devoting himself to nonclinical health care boards and committees and a community health center. His wife, Georgene, also helps the community by being active in Habitat for Humanity. Desmond has two children and two grandchildren.

Ralph Gray, a psychotherapist in New York City, wondered if there was a message for him in the events of 9/11; he was close enough to hear a loud bang as he talked on the telephone. He said, "Later, I figured it's for me to get busy living. Particularly to deepen my relationships, make them more meaningful." Ralph, now semi-retired, is still busy planning workshops on relationship problems.

John Iorio has retired from the faculty of the University of South Florida and devotes his time to writing fiction. And, no doubt, politics will take up some of his time. His daughter, Pam, will be running for mayor of Tampa, Fla.

Ed Kessler, whose career was in meteorology, retired as director of the National Severe Storms Laboratory in Oklahoma. Ed is active on the political scene in Oklahoma; another interest that keeps him busy is managing his 350-acre tract of prairie and wilderness with cows, sheep, chickens and abundant wildlife. Farm work, he says, is a "sanitizing balance" in a high-tech world. Ed has two sons and four grandchildren.

After 21 years as director of the Greenwich, Conn., library, **Nolan Lushington** joined the faculty of the library school at Southern Connecticut State University in New Haven where he became associate professor. He also had a career as a library building consultant and has worked on some 200 public library improvement projects. This spring, Neal Schuman, a library publisher, will publish Nolan's third book, *Libraries Designed for Users.* Nolan mentioned, "It would be nice to hear from some of my rifle club buddies."

Do you like ceramics? With a computer you can get an eyeful of colorful pieces created by the daughter of **Bob Siegel.** Take a look at www.woodsidepottery.com.

It's nice to have medical expertise right in one's own family, and **Arthur Thomas** has done well in that regard. His wife, Charlotte, has been honored with the Marian Nowak Award of Greenwich (Conn.) Hospital for her outstanding work there as a registered nurse.

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new assistant secretaries (and associate class notes editors). They are **Ralph L. Lowenstein** and **Nis A. Petersen**. Your editor appreciates this help in keeping everyone up-to-date. Ralph is still working half-time for the Knight Foundation in Miami, managing the archives. His mail should be addressed to 1705 NW 22nd Dr., Gainesville, FL 32605. Nis is at 205 W. 57th St., Apt. #11cc, New York, NY 10019-2119.

Incidentally, Nis, as part of his continuing interest in historic architecture, appeared before the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission to support the designation of the Anson Phelps Stokes House at 37th Street and Madison Avenue as a historic landmark. Although much altered and now a part of the Morgan Library complex, it is a rare example of upper class housing in the 1850s and should be preserved. Columbians may remember that Isaac Stokes, son of Anson, designed St. Paul's Chapel on the Morningside campus.

Several biographies arrived too late for publication in our 50th reunion yearbook. Here are a couple of excerpts.

Norton Kolomeyer M.D. is enjoying life in Castro Valley, Calif. Not so long ago, he was the only "over age 30" person at a disco where he was seen promenading with a sweet young thing. She hoped her step would be as lively as his when she got to be a senior citizen. Norton, a retired internist, holds a patent on a unique walking stick called PEP (Protection with Elegance through Power). Sounds like a good slogan for President Bush! In addition, Norton has a patent on a scatter-free litter box for cats. After Norton's beloved wife, Sue, died a couple of years ago, he established a scholarship in her memory at the School of Social Work.

Brian Wilkie wrote, "I was bitten by the Lionel Trilling bug and went off to the University of Rochester to get an M.A. in English in 1952. After two years in the Army Signal Corps, I attended the University of Wisconsin and got a Ph.D. in 1959. Along the way, I married Ann Allen Johnson from Winston-Salem, N.C., and we had three sons, John, Brian and Neil. I taught at Dartmouth College for four years and then 22 years at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. In 1985, I moved to the University of Arkansas, published three scholarly books and co-edited *Literature of the Western World*. I lucked out by getting Mark Van Doren for humanities, and I'd like to think it shows!"

James A. McGrory contributed the following: "I met my wife, Ruth Schumacher, in a little theater group, and we were wed after my basic training in the Army. Fortune smiled upon us with an assignment to Germany. I had some linguistic skills that the U.S. Army in Europe didn't need! Ruth joined me for an extended honeymoon, and after some short assignments as a clerk typist and medic, we qualified (yep, both of us) for the 7th Army Repertory Theater Company, which was created by General McAuliffe of Bastogne fame ('Nuts!') in World War II. Ruth became a Department of the Army civilian; I stayed a PFC. Our mission was to boost troop morale with traveling shows like *My Three Angels*, *The Caine Mutiny Court-Martial* and *Rainmaker*. We also performed before a large German audience in Amerikhauser. Good work, good fun, good memories!

"When Ruth became ill, I retired in 1996. Our residence continues in Cincinnati, where most of the family resides — a combination of sons (five), marriages and grandchildren. I keep active physically and mentally, thinking of myself as an independent scholar with interests in philosophy, literature, science and history … all nurtured by the Core Curriculum."

Alan C. Wagner taught two classes at The Learning Center in New York City. The first class gave him an opportunity to share his show biz expertise in the TV and movie industries. Doesn't everyone want to be a star? Or write scripts? The second class was about Alan's passionate avocation, opera.

Saludos! from **Marty Katz** in San Juan. In a post-September 11 recollection, he noted that he was on his way to Newark Airport when he saw the black smoke from the first World Trade Center Tower collapsing. Amazing how we all know where we were when we heard about Pearl Harbor or Jack Kennedy's assassination; these locations are permanently implanted in our minds.

H. Elliot Wales sent along a copy of his remembrances of the years we were at the College. We will include them in the next issue of Class Notes.

Thanks to **Tom Heyman** in Israel, who sent a copy of the invitation to the recently-completed Buchman-Heyman Foundation concert and artistic grants presentations for 2002 in Tel Aviv. Numerous young people with talent for singing and playing the violin and piano received scholarships and grants to further their education. Tom, you deserve a commendation for these significant efforts, and a pat on the back for including a translation of the program that was printed in Hebrew. The Class Notes editor does not have a translator on staff!

Closing thought from **Jim McGrory**. "Basic ingredients of a happy life: good health and good family … and you are 80 percent on the way. The rest is gravy!"

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It is with regret that we announce that **Bob Landes** passed away in Florida on January 25, after losing his fight with cancer. Bob was very involved with our class and a loyal member of the Columbia family. We extend our sincere condolences to his wife, Phyllis, and his family. Also, **Robert B. Wall** died on February 6, and our condolences go to his family as well.

Gene Manfrini spent 11 days in the hospital in February while his doctors worked to adjust his medications. He was glad to get "paroled." He felt that there was an improvement. We hope it continues, and we wish him the best.

Arthur Lyons M.D. remains in the private practice of neurosurgery in a consulting capacity since starting his practice in San Francisco in 1964. He's also an associate clinical professor of neurosurgery at UC San Francisco, as well as past president of the San Francisco Medical Society and San Francisco Neurological Society and a founding member of the Bay Area History of Medicine Society. He recently was appointed to the Medical Board of California by the state governor as one of six physicians in the Division of Medical Quality. He's a second-generation Columbian: His father, Alfred L. Lyons '24, also a doctor, lost his life at Okinawa in World War II. He's looking forward to reunion and notes, "I am greatly interested in the tradition of Columbia College. Regrettably, I was unable to convince either of my two grown sons to leave California to attend."

I hope that a large number of you will attend our 50th reunion. This column would be longer if … you know the drill!

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Peter Carbonara is still practicing orthopedic surgery and has no immediate plans to retire. He is the chief of his department at Englewood (N.J.) Hospital and Medical Center. Pete has been married for 42 years to the same wonderful woman, Jean, and they have four children and two grandkids. One son is a member of the Class of '84 and one daughter is Barnard '88. Jean and Peter recently had a wonderful visit with MaryAnn and Frank Walwer '52 in Florida. Peter concludes, "Life has been good to us."

Burt Murdock and Ann are doing well. Four of their seven children live in Roanoke, Va. Last fall, a golf cart overturned and fell onto Burt, who is slowly recovering from a broken hip. **Bill Burk** is retired. He and Judy live in Ventura County. Sylvia Blomquist wrote to let us know that **Howard Blomquist** passed away on October 2.

Eileen Clew wrote that **Dick Clew** passed away on October 3. However, Eileen is sure that even though Dick cannot attend in person, he certainly will be at our 50th reunion in spirit.

Leonard Trosten, Arthur Hessinger, Dick Lempert and **Nick Wolfson** have enthusiastically agreed to join the 50th reunion committee. **George Lowry** spearheads the committee. Please join us in making our 50th a smashing occasion.

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There was a period of time after we graduated when some joint activities were held under the auspices of the early '50s classes. They were fun, and many of us knew fellows who had graduated in the classes of 1950–53. I guess that made us the babies of the group. I recently received a letter from Stan Schachter '51 with information about one of our classmates, **Sheldon Cherry**. It seems that Shelly, who is a renowned gynecologist in New York, delivered a lecture in Palm Springs, Fla., to about 140 people on "The Menopause Myth: The Truth About Women's Health After Age 50." Shelly has written several books and was named one of the city's best doctors by *New York* magazine. Perhaps he can update that presentation to deal with women "after age 65" for our 50th. In any case, we are all looking forward to seeing classmates and spouses, if possible, at THE BIG ONE in 2004.

Please be healthy, wealthy in spirit, and never forget the influence that Columbia College has had on us both before and after 1954. Also, please let us hear from you.

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If one opens our class yearbook, the *Columbian* — produced in great part by **Dick Knapp, Jim Parker, Charles Hollander, Gerry Tikoff** and **Elio Ippolito** — one realizes that this was a magnificent publication and overview of four or five years (if you were a 3/2 engineer) of our lives. The all-star faculty, the pictures of our classmates participating in so many events and activities, the athletic teams, the fraternities, the clubs — even the deans and the administrators.

Also included were the background photos of the campus and the buildings. When you walk onto the campus now, you wonder what has changed and what hasn't. Grass on South Field; no traffic between Broadway and Amsterdam; and the new student center, Lerner Hall. Low and Butler are still there with all their majesty, as are many buildings housing the upgraded classrooms where we listened and learned from the brightest minds around. University Gym is now called the "blue gym" and used for intramurals. The running track is still above it. The student body is coed and much more diverse than in the early '50s and even 10 years ago. However, the *Columbian*, so wonderfully written, edited and produced, gives us a snapshot of our time and a lot of good memories.

Checking the pulse of our classmates around the country, we start off in the Midwest with **Jim Larson**, living and working in Toledo, Ohio. Jim returned to his roots where he is professor emeritus at the University of Toledo. **Mike Pybas**, who came to Columbia from Norman, Okla., is a volunteer counselor at the Volunteer Center of North Texas in Dallas. We might see Mike at our 50th. He can join in the reunion songfest with the other former Notes and Keys. It's always good to hear about **Stu Perlman**. The Brooklyn native has been practicing law in Chicago for many years as a partner in his own firm. Stu and family reside in the suburbs, in Skokie, Ill.

As we move toward the Southeast, we find **Jim Amlicke** (the former New Jerseyan) doing orthopedic surgery at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Beaufort, S.C. Jim can use his vocal talents as a former glee club member at the big get-together. **Mike Liptzin** also went into medicine. He is a clinical professor at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine in Chapel Hill. Although he is semi-retired, **Mel Odze** is putting in time at Asthma & Allergy Associates in Coral Springs, Fla. It seems the Sunshine State has become a nesting ground for a great many of our class — golf, sunshine, 5 p.m. dinners, naps. Take note: **Don McDonough, Dick Carr, Bob Dillingham, Dan Culhane** and long-time resident **Neil Opdyke.**

Closer to campus, **Al Momjian**, who has been a stalwart in helping to build the Columbia Club of Philadelphia into a strong, thriving organization, is still practicing law in the City of Brotherly Love. Al and family live just outside the main line in Huntingdon Valley. Although he is a retired marketing manager, **George Raitt** didn't go as far south as a lot of our compatriots. He is living comfortably in St. Michaels, Md.

For those who may have forgotten one of the greatest long distance runners in Columbia track history, **Willy Storz** is still going strong in Hamden, Conn. Little-known fact: The winner of the intramural table tennis championship in our time (who could still give the younger crowd a good match) was **Frank Tilley**. Frank, who is involved with Harlem Hospital, commutes from his New Rochelle home.

As we edge closer to our 50th reunion, idea sessions will be held among classmates to begin formulating plans to make this event the best ever. A recent luncheon was attended by **Alfred Gollomp, Bob Brown, Don Laufer, Roland Plottel** and **Larry Balfus**. More to come, including meetings outside the New York area.

In the West, **Ted Scharf** is practicing medicine in Albuquerque, N.M., where he has been for a long time. **Richard Mazze** left the Bronx a while ago and is now in Northern California as professor emeritus of anesthesia at the Stanford School of Medicine. Living in Redwood City, Calif., is **Charles Barnett** who, before his retirement, was a member of the resident staff of Ampex. **Jack Stuppin** is still painting and is better than ever. Jack comes east occasionally but operates primarily from his home in Sebastopol and other nether regions of California. Not to forget — aloha from Ramsey and **Norm Goldstein** in Honolulu. They're still waiting for visitors.

Gentlemen. Members of the Class of Destiny. Live your lives to the fullest. Exercise. Breathe in that fresh air. Always look at the positive side of things. The best is yet to come.

Love to all! Everywhere!

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Except for the local cadre, you guys all over the U.S.A., and the world for that matter, are not keeping Uncle Alan informed. I refuse to do a Pentagon act of disinformation and can only report what I know as the truth at all times.

First and most important, our good friend for more decades than I care to admit, **Steve Easton,** is going the marriage route (for the third time) to the lovely Elke France sometime this fall, and I certainly plan to be there. Steve and I had a lengthy, fun and expensive lunch recently during which we attempted to solve most of the world's problems. Our own are more difficult, and I hope we started the process going.

In the March issue, I noted that we were going to a Columbia basketball game and a lovely French dinner after, for which my pregnant younger daughter and her husband joined us. Steve, **Larry Gitten**, **Buzz Passwell** as well as yours truly and my Janet went to the Columbia-Harvard game. The evening was lovely, but the game was disappointing, as we found every imaginable way to finally lose the game as the buzzer went off on a great three-pointer by Harvard. It was really great fun, and we'll do it again next year.

The next event is Dean's Day, Saturday, April 13, which will have taken place by the time this is published. I've been going for decades, and when Libby was alive this was the intellectual event she was willing to join in on. Gentlemen, this day is great to stimulate those old neglected Columbia brain cells, and they are crying for rejuvenation. So I hope many of you will make it a point to attend in the future. It is really a stimulating and fun day.

Anyway, enough from your loyal president, who is anxious to hear from more of you. Call (212) 712-2369 or fax (212) 875-0955; e-mails only under extreme conditions, as I don't reliably read them. So with great fondness to all and hopes of many favorable lunches, dinners, events, etc., while we are still kicking hard. Love to all.

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Denis Frind has left the firm of Altieri, Kushner, Miuccio & Frind to become a partner at Goetz, Fitzpatrick, Most & Bruckman LLP, where he is enjoying his work immensely. His new office is located at One Penn Plaza, New York NY 10119, tel.: (212) 695-8100. He has two granddaughters, "stunning Bridget (5) and charming Margaux (3) in Fremont, Calif."

Alan Frommer writes that last September, he and his wife, Judy, attended the wedding of **Ken Bodenstein**'s son, Todd, in Chicago. At his table was **Stuart Meyer,** whom he not seen since 1957. Stu has been at the Kellogg School for the better part of his career; that is where Todd, and thus Ken, attained a close student-teacher relationship with him. Alan and Stu shared a few laughs, reminiscing how their chosen careers did not turn out to be their actual ones; nevertheless, they had no regrets and a lot of thanks.

As a retiree and local senior citizen, Alan has been auditing courses at Wellesley College. Last spring, he took a course with David Bernat, who had his father, a rabbi, give one lecture. Alan was pleasantly surprised when David's father, Haskell Bernat '58GS, told him that they had started out as classmates; Haskell, however, completed his degree at GS, a year later than Alan and his twin **Paul.** Alan thinks that Haskell knew Paul; Haskell understandably mistook him for Paul, because the brothers look more alike today than ever!

Herman Levy continues his extensive activity with the American Bar Association section of public contract law. For nine years, he has been an associate editor of the *Public Contract Law Journal*; he has edited articles and book reviews and prepared note topics for the *Law Journal*'s student editors at George Washington University Law School. He edits section comments on federal procurement regulations for the regulatory coordinating committee, of which he serves as a vice chair. He also serves as a vice chair of the following committees: accounting, cost and pricing, commercial products and services, and research and development and intellectual property. He takes and transcribes the minutes for the latter two committees.

Stephen Ronai wrote a long letter to me, as his "co-classmate" at both the College and Yale Law School, about his most distinguished legal career. He still works full-time as a senior partner at Murtha Cullina LLP, "a large and well-respected Connecticut law firm … and is chairman of [its] health care department." He has "always enjoyed working at [the firm] and the challenges … of

planning, advising, serving and competing have always been very satisfying for me." In 1991, he was pleasantly surprised to learn that one of the first editions of Woodward/White's *Best Lawyers in America* selected him as one of five Connecticut health care lawyers to achieve that distinction. The "selection was based on the recommendation of peers without knowledge or participation of the recipients."

Steve writes: "My development of knowledge and competence in my specialty took shape during the boom period [of] the health care industry's expansion of facilities, [during which] major medical equipment and provider services grew and when physician, hospital and long-term care facility service costs became … an inflationary 14 percent 'business' portion of the gross national product. I was driven to advance my industry position by expanding my nursing home labor law management client base (my practice specialty side door) to other large sectors of the health care provider market … [including] hospitals, hospital systems, physician groups, ambulatory surgery centers and other provider entities."

In 1973, the Connecticut Commission on Hospitals and Health Care adopted a stringent requirement for "health care facilities and institutions to obtain a Certificate of Need to build facilities or to provide new services." Steve acquired considerable expertise in CON matters, which inspired his CON clients to seek his services in other development services as well.

Steve's prior firm, which had but 12 members, could not provide CON clients with "the full panoply of multi-disciplinary legal specialties" they needed; Steve then joined Murtha Cullina.

Steve has written "and lectured nationwide on a broad variety of health care subjects and [has held] leadership positions in various health care membership associations." He has served as a director of the American Health Lawyers Association, chairman of the board of directors of the Connecticut Hospital Association, president of the Connecticut Health Lawyers Association, and chairman of the Health Law Committee of Lex Mundi, an international network of 150 law firms. After January 1, 2004, when the firm's policy will require him to assume the role of counsel, he looks forward to serving as a marketing partner of the firm, or other activities (perhaps teaching health care regulatory law), or a combination of both. He looks forward to attending our 45th reunion.

Correction: **Ralph Brunori** writes that contrary to our entry in the January 2002 issue, he did not visit the reunion tent, although he had intended to do so; he had guests with him. Ralph also especially asked me to note that he was not an All-Ivy; the only Columbia '57 All-Ivy was **Claude Benham.** I much regret the error in reporting and thank Ralph for calling it to my attention.

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Congratulations to **Dick Waldman** on the birth of his granddaughter, Kaitlin Sarah Waldman, daughter of Dick's son, Mitchell Waldman '90E and his wife, Jolene. Dick has been appointed an adjunct associate professor of government and politics at the University of Maryland University College.

After 35 years in the California attorney general's office, **Asher Rubin** has retired. However, in order to pay tuition for his son, Jacob, who has just been admitted to the College in the Class of 2006, he will continue to practice law, including consulting work for the attorney general, while he decides what to do when he grows up.

Mark Luftig is the manager of the Strong Dividend Income Fund.

Here's our reminder about the class lunch that **Scott Shukat** hosts on the second Tuesday of every month in the Grill Room of the Princeton/Columbia Club, 15 W. 43rd St. ($31 per person). You can let Scott know if you plan to attend up to the day before by phone, (212) 582-7619; by fax (212) 315-3752; or by e-mail, scott@shukat.com.

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It is with great regret that we note the passing of our classmate, **Bob Nozick** (please see obituary on page 26). His achievements in philosophy and in making erudite concepts available to all of us are a legacy that any of us would be proud of. Though his intellect set him apart from the rest of us, he was a witty, down-to-earth, approachable human being.

Howard Mencher reports from Los Angeles: "After I graduated from Columbia, I served in the Army and finished law school in 1965. For the next 10 years, I spent my time at various jobs in Arizona and California. I have a license to practice law in Arizona and have been practicing in California since 1975. I have been a solo practitioner since 1985, representing primarily plaintiffs in the area of harassment and discrimination cases involving sex, race, ethnicity and so forth. In addition, I represent people who have been injured and also handle legal and medical malpractice cases.

"I've been married for 31 years and have three children, the oldest of whom started working with me in 2000. My younger children, twins, are in Texas and Arizona — my son is at the University of Texas Law School at Austin and my daughter is doing social work in Tucson. My wife is a playwright, actress and painter. I recently spoke to **Bob Ratner,** and we are making plans to have a group of classmates get together this summer in Vancouver, B.C. Getting together would be myself, Bob, **Mike Zimmerman, Fred Lorber** and **Joel Nelson.**" Sounds great, Howard. Any space in the RV?

Also from California, we heard from **Bob Nelson**. "After medical school and internship, I ended up with the Navy and a year of sea duty and then a year at Treasure Island in the middle of San Francisco Bay. That was my introduction to Northern California. I started a solo ophthalmology practice in Napa following a residency in Cincinnati. Although the city has grown from 20,00 to 70,000 in the intervening years, it is still a wonderful 'small town,' and the neighbors are supportive of each other. The Napa Valley has become more sophisticated since the 1970s, with premium wines attracting visitors who appreciate fine wines and excellent restaurants. (No! I can't get you reservations at the French Laundry.)

"During the last 30 years, I have been active in the community. On the medical side, it was as president of the county medical society and roles in the California Medical Association as well as chief of staff at our local hospital. I also served on committees for the American Academy of Ophthalmology and have been a recipient of its achievement award. Teaching ophthalmology residents at California Pacific Medical Center and being a trustee of the Pacific Vision Foundation also occupy some of my time. Outside of medicine, there has been time for our local Kiwanis Club, and I recently completed a term as president for this wonderful group of 100-plus citizens who contribute so much to this community. As I didn't have much else to do, I got an M.B.A. in 1995. As a rusty blade, I have continued fencing but haven't been in any competition for the last five years due to Achilles problems and a bypass operation. However, I was drafted to teach fencing at the local community college and will return to club fencing as soon as time permits. My first marriage ended in the early '90s. Fortunately, I met a wonderful lady a few years later. Pam, a fine artist, and I have been married for five years. I am looking toward cutting back, as I am merging my practice with two other docs. I look forward to seeing or hearing from classmates and will try to keep upright until our 50th reunion."

Lou Stephens is still living in Mexico City, where he has been since 1962 when he left *USS Mullany*, DD-528, out of San Diego. Obviously, Lou went south on Interstate 5 instead of north to La Jolla! In semi-retirement, he tries to do as much in the arts as possible, painting mostly. He has five children; his oldest is 27 and lives in NYC, his youngest is 12 and will be off to boarding school in two years, "then Karen and I may try to move to the Big Apple — si dios nos da licencia," he says.

After 30 years as a professor and writer in residence at the University of Massachusetts, **Jay Neugeboren** is now a full-time writer living (once again) in New York City. His first novel, *Big Man*, was reissued this past year, and a documentary film based on his memoir, *Imagining Robert*, will appear sometime within the next year on PBS. He recently completed two new books — a nonfiction book on heart disease and friendship, and a new (his third) collection of stories — both of which should be appearing within the next year. He is living at Broadway and 111th Street (e-mail: jneug@earthlink.net).

Bill Berberich runs his own energy consulting practice following stints with Exxon-Mobil and El Paso Energy. His firm recently has migrated into e-commerce as WinWin-Worldwide.com. WinWin completed a successful $5 million e-procurement auction for Alcan, the giant Canadian aluminum producer. Bill is planning to expand into the electric power, chemicals, paper and government sectors.

Saul Brody writes from his home in Demarest, N.J., that he got his Ph.D. in medieval literature from Columbia in 1968 and took a job at City College where (apart from stints in France and Italy) he taught for all of his professional life. Along the way, he busied himself, among other things, by chairing the faculty senate (two one-year terms) and his department (six years) and writing this or that on medieval subjects such as Chaucer and leprosy. He retired in 1998, and since then he has continued to publish, including a recent piece on Shoeless Joe Jackson's bat and the invention of history. He still loves to swim, but the great love of his life remains his family:

He married in 1960 and is still married to the same woman, with whom he raised two daughters. Even though he introduces Frohma as his first wife, he has no intention of abandoning her for another.

Finally, we get this from **Aaron Priest:** "I'm happy to see an expanded format in our class notes and would urge more people to come forward to tell what they're doing and where they are. [Your correspondent echoes that thought.] In 1974, I started the Aaron Priest Literary Agency after working for Doubleday for 14 years in sales. Molly Friedrich '74 Barnard has been with me since 1978, and today we're partners. We represent primarily adult trade (non-academic) fiction and nonfiction, running the gamut from women's historical romance — Johanna Lindsey — to Pulitzer Prize-winning Jane Smiley. Other authors include Frank McCourt, David Baldacci, Sue Grafton, Philip Caputo, Robert James Waller and Terry McMillan. I also represented Erma Bombeck until she died in 1996." That's quite a list of clients!

Don't forget that you can send an e-mail with class notes to Ed at the above address and/or to Bennett Miller at miller_bennett@yahoo.com.

Preserving Sedona's Natural Beauty

When **Paul Chevalier '60** and his wife, Maggie, were ready to retire, they hit the road in search of a new nesting spot. "We looked around for the prettiest place in the 48 states," Chevalier says. The winner, where they relocated from Los Angeles four years ago, was Sedona, Ariz.

The stunning town about 90 miles north of Phoenix, set at an elevation of 4,500 feet amidst unusual red rock formations, is home to an eclectic group of 10,000 residents — many of them artists and retirees, with a few famous people, too — and hosts many more tourists every year. The area is known for its pure air, hiking trails, and what many say is some sort of special energy emanating from the red rocks.

"We have cowboys walking around, and people who wish they were cowboys. Cowboy hats are big here," Chevalier says.

Chevalier, who also holds degrees from the Law School and the Business School, serves as chairman of Sedona's Arts and Cultural Commission, one of four commissions appointed by the city council. One program he has supported is the town's "Art in the Classrooms" initiative, which brings local artists together with teachers to create interactive curricula.

Paul Chevalier '60

For a recent unit on the Roaring '20s, in addition to reading *The Great Gatsby* and studying the history of the era, high school students learned the Charleston, made stained glass windows, listened to period jazz music and ate foods like Jell-O that were invented at the time.

The commission also has passed an ordinance requiring developers to donate money to a fund for public art displays.

Chevalier is involved in local debates surrounding growth versus environmental preservation in Sedona, which is no longer the well-kept secret it once was. "We want smart growth," he says, explaining that the town is growing at about 4 percent per year and houses are getting larger and larger. Sedona is debating whether to widen its main street. "Do we focus more on getting the traffic up here, or scenic beauty?" Chevalier asks. He votes for scenic beauty.

Before retirement, Chevalier worked in labor relations in the retail sector for 25 years. He last served as senior vice president of employee relations for Federated Department Stores.

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Tired of spending vacations in Paris, London, Venice, Newark? Ready to explore more exotic locations? **Richard Friedlander** may provide the answer. Richard has traveled the byways, spans and creases of the globe from the Antarctic to Uganda, from Tasmania to the Falkland Islands. Having returned from an excursion this January into Uganda's Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, home of the Great Apes, Richard shared his experiences, photographs and diary with us at the Class of '60 monthly lunch.

A place of breathtaking natural beauty, ringed by the twin horrors of crushing poverty and unspeakable brutality, the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest lies in the southwest corner of Uganda. Wedged against the borders of Rwanda and the Congo, where countless lives have been taken by genocidal warfare and famine, the Bwindi nature preserve is habitat to half the world's remaining mountain gorillas and is the only place on earth where gorillas and chimpanzees live in proximity to one another.

Mindful but undeterred that only three years ago Hutu rebels abducted 31 foreign tourists, eight of whom, together with the game warden and three park rangers, were slain, Richard and a limited number of foreign tourists undertook the arduous trek through the dense, humid rainforest, climbing to an elevation of more than 4,000 feet across a treacherous ground cover of vines and shrubs and under a canopy of vegetation and vines so tightly meshed atop high trees as virtually to bar entry to the sun. There, within but a few yards of the subjects, Richard observed 350-pound male and 250-pound female mountain gorillas that live and travel together in groups of 8–20. Richard was enchanted by the gentle, docile herbivores with their enormous childlike eyes. By contrast, the frenetically active and aggressive chimpanzees were kept at greater distance.

Having familiarized himself with the primate studies of Louis Leakey, Dian Fossey and Jane Goodall before the trip, Richard was intrigued by the extraordinary similarities in human and primate behavior patterns and facial expressions. Richard is to be credited with this original scientific observation: Competition among gorillas is played out in the arena of establishing sexual supremacy; competition among tourists is played out in scoring the best deal in the arena of the local crafts market. Both involve much ostentatious display and breast beating.

Finally, the essential question: "Richard, wasn't your Columbia College education indispensable in preparing you for your trip to Uganda to see the Great Apes?" The sudden, unanticipated inquiry does not catch Richard off balance. Leaping with agility back to another time and place, to blue books and proctors, the Steamboat and Morningside Heights, Richard's nimble mind crafts the perfect response without a moment's hesitation: "Yes, in two ways. First, I learned how to do research. Second, I knew a smattering of botany from Professor Metzger's class. I wish I had paid greater attention." Well done, Richard, you've earned an A.

Now let's go back a long way to two kids who grew up in the west Bronx, classmates in grade school, junior high and then Columbia. It was a special delight to receive **Michael Hein**'s e-mail accompanied by our ninth grade graduation picture and then to catch up with him by phone after 40 years to reminisce about the Bronx of our youth and to recount each other's odyssey through the years.

In our youth, we knew a Bronx of robust, sharply delineated ethnic enclaves; Mike's lunch money and spare change balled up in his socks when making border crossings; of corner candy stores even more ubiquitous than present-day Starbucks; purveyors of mostly innocent pleasures, like comic books, those formative introductions to art and literature (Classic Comics for those interested in high culture); of rococo movie theaters, faux palaces of shimmering chandeliers, glittering mirrors, plush purple seats and operatic flying staircases flanked by marble sentinels. It was a world we were certain would endure, with World Series championships arriving as cyclically as the seasons, an integral part of our Bronx birthright. But Robert Moses' "grander vision" — the Bronx as a corridor and his creation of the Cross-Bronx Expressway — fractured the borough pelvis to brow and forever shattered its distinctive provinciality.

Mike's post-Columbia journey, after a brief sojourn in law school, started in the world of advertising and then turned to a career in education after he returned to graduate school for a degree in library science. Completing 14 years as librarian at the Lenox School and 10 years at the Horace Mann Lower School, Mike retired in June and now segues gracefully into his new role of reading, swimming several times a week and collecting memorabilia at his home in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. He and his wife, Ann, anticipate with great pride their

daughter Rebecca's graduation this May from Bard College. Rebecca, the recipient of an International Honors Program scholarship, had a life-transforming experience last year studying environmental challenges in Tanzania, India, New Zealand and Mexico. At the time of my conversation with Mike, Rebecca was in York, Pa., studying bio-intensive winter organic farming in greenhouses. In keeping with the philosophy that we hold land in stewardship and have an obligation to assist those in need, Rebecca is dedicated to making organic foods less expensive so that healthier foods will be available to people throughout the world. She hopes to find a farm from which to realize this objective. If any of you has farmland and wants it tilled for a worthy purpose, or knows of land that is available, contact me and I'll advise Mike.

Over the years, Mike has remained in touch with **Michael Lesch** (each served as best man at the other's wedding), who returned to New York only recently to chair the department of medicine at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital. St. Luke's-Roosevelt is right around my corner (as now and again I'm reminded when a siren's urgent wail inflicts a jagged wound on the stillness of night), and I had the pleasure of running into Mike being led by his visiting granddaughter who, although new to the 'hood, seemed to know precisely where she wanted Grandpa to take her. Temporarily residing in the neighborhood, Mike and his spouse have joined in that ever-popular New York pursuit: apartment hunting. Mike, I hope you've found something.

One of the marquee events in American sports is the Millrose Games, the thrilling indoor track and field invitational held each winter at Madison Square Garden. February 1 marked the 95th running of the games. And for close to the past 40 years, with lots of gaps in between, **Allan Chernoff, Michael Hertzberg** and **Robert Hersh** have been gathering to celebrate their own mini-class reunion and enjoy the exceptional achievements of athletes such as Eamonn Coghlan and Marcus O'Sullivan in the Wanamaker Mile. Allan informs me that Bob's role has been a good deal more than that of ardent spectator, and his presence at the games has been exceedingly consistent. Recognized and respected worldwide for his expertise in the sport of track and field, as an official at world championships, consultant to the U.S. Olympic Committee, television commentator, announcer at the track and field venue at the Atlanta Olympic Games, Bob has been the track announcer for the Millrose Games for the last 30-some odd years.

Allan is an executive with a large resort, real estate and timeshare company in Orlando. Mike, who recently retired from the NYNEX legal department, continues to provide legal consulting services to NYNEX when he isn't traveling the globe. Mike, have you been to see the Great Apes in Uganda?

The Sunshine State also brings news from **William Tanenbaum**. Bill found paradise 30 years ago in the brilliant sun and sparkling beaches of Boca Raton; or, perhaps, if the coordinates of paradise are not geographical, if paradise in fact is a condition of the spirit and soul, Bill will celebrate the 39th anniversary of his discovery of paradise on the day in July when he and Reina wed.

The Columbia connection in the Tanenbaum family continues through Bill and Reina's two daughters, Ruth and Betty. Ruth, Harvard '92, Columbia M.A. '95, and her husband, Rob Friedman, live in Manhattan. Betty '96 and Jewish Theological Seminary M.A. '98, and her husband, Michael Baron, moved to Boca Raton last June.

While those around him succumb to the lure of retirement, Bill finds contentment in his real estate investment business, the seasonal nature of which affords opportunities to spend extended time during the summers in the Colorado Rockies or in France and Italy. This past summer, Bill and Reina spent five weeks in Vail.

Bill's enduring commitment to alma mater finds expression in chairing the Palm Beach area Columbia Alumni Representative Committee, interviewing candidates for admission to the College and Engineering School. Bill mentions with pride that 124 interviews, a record for his committee, were arranged during the recently concluded interviewing period of November 2001–February 2002. He looks forward to hearing from classmates visiting South Florida.

As always, I wish you all well and look forward to news from you.

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For those who saw Sarah Hughes win the gold medal in women's figure skating in the recent Winter Olympics and thought her coach looked familiar, you are right. It was Robin Wagner, wife of **Jerry Grossman.**

Dave Blicker finished his Peace Corps experience in Kenya. Dave writes that he learned a great deal about himself and about others and their culture, their ordinary lives and their humanity. He has persevered/endured the enormous frustrations that beset volunteers adjusting to a society and a way of life so different from our own.

Sadly, I learned of the untimely death of our classmate **Jim Dana,** a practicing physician of physical rehabilitative medicine, on December 28, 2001 (please see obituary on page 28). Jim attended the Hill School on a DuPont Scholarship and the College on an academic scholarship. While in prep school, he won the American Legion Oratorical Championship of Pennsylvania, and while at Columbia he won the trophy in original oratory in the Irish Feis, a cultural festival of the arts held at Fordham. Jim ran track and rowed lightweight crew. He attended New York Medical College, and after becoming a physician, served as a commander in the U.S. Health Service. Later, Jim was appointed the deputy coroner and narcotics examiner of Suffolk County. After teaching scores of physical therapists at Touro College, an academic chair was endowed in his name. He also served as a distinguished forensic specialist in legal trials. Jim is survived by his wife, Alice; son, James; daughter, Ali Nicole; daughter, Melissa, and brother, Thomas '58. James and Ali Nicole are both physicians.

REUNION MAY 30–JUNE 2

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Thanks go to our classmates who have been involved in planning our 40th reunion for May 30–June 2: **Paul Alter, Salim Dallal, Burt Lehman, Stan Lupkin, Ed Pressman, Loren Ross, Jerry Speyer, Leo Swergold, David Tucker, Tom Vasell, Stan Waldbaum** and **Peter Yatrakis.**

Paul and Jerry graciously have volunteered to open their homes for cocktail receptions. Paul will host his at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 30, before the night of theater, and Jerry's will take place on Friday, May 31, at 6 p.m., before classmates head out to dinner or a night on the town. Register now for your class dinner on Saturday evening, which will be held in one of the most remarkable rooms on campus: Starr East Asian Library, Kent Hall.

For more information, review your Reunion Weekend program or visit www.college.columbia.edu/alumni/reunion to view the schedule of events and register online.

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As springtime approaches and I have no direct news from classmates, I thought that a review of our accomplishments as a class regarding the 2000–01 Columbia College Fund would be appropriate.

Overview: The fund raised $66 million with a 25 percent participation of all graduates between the classes of 1925 and 2000.

Percentage participation: Of the 75 classes, we are ranked No. 26 with a 34.41 percent class participation.

Number of donors: At 170 donors, only 10 classes did better.

John Jay donors: We had 36 John Jays. We tied with two other classes and exceeded 68 other classes.

Total giving: $493,740. Only six classes surpassed us, a few of which had million-dollar-plus bequests.

Summary: We have done well as a class of 60-plus-year-old guys. Let's keep up the enthusiasm and the support for old alma mater.

I now have everyone's e-mail address, and you have mine. Don't hesitate to send me your latest news, accomplishments and thoughts.

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As of this writing, it has been six months since the attack on the World Trade Center. The uneasy calm that settled on the city is broken by occasional news reports that more bodies have been found. There are some good signs, however. The air in lower Manhattan seems cleaner, businesses in the area immediately around the WTC site are returning and local merchants report that business is up. In yet another sign of the return to normalcy, *The New York Times* reported in March that the internecine battle in the Columbia English department continues.

Steve Henick e-mailed from Annecy, France (about 24 miles from Geneva), where he lives with his wife of 37 years, Bette. They have four grown children, including Jonathan '92. After graduating from Columbia, Steve spent five years in the Marine Corps and two years at Harvard before starting a career in international business. He now manages

the international branch of a privately held American fishing tackle company. If you are traveling near Geneva, he can be reached at 33 (0)4 50 96 77 27. "English-speaking visitors always are welcome," he says.

In a previous column, I wrote that **Allen Goldberg,** professor of pediatrics at Loyola University in Chicago, has taken a year off to "give back" for his life's blessings and is working with his mentor, former Surgeon General E. Everett Koop, to return the medical profession to its humanitarian traditions. In an update, Allen writes that in November, he and Koop held a town meeting at the College of Physicians in Philadelphia that was attended by more than 180 participants from around the world. He welcomes inquiries at www.chestnet.org.

Finally, **Steve Singer,** one of the nation's foremost college admissions advisers, gave a talk on the subject at the 92 Street Y in Manhattan.

If I have not heard from you in the past five years, now is the time to write or e-mail.

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Steve Biro recently finished serving as the on-scene officer in charge, New York Naval Militia, for the World Trade Center disaster recovery effort with the 42nd Division of the New York National Guard. Steve reports that Navy Seabees, cargo handlers, other sailors and Marines safeguarded bridges, railroad stations, tunnels, the NYC Emergency Operations Center, Governor's Island, the disaster zone and a supply pier. They also ran and organized the supply pier, which processed hundreds of tons of emergency supplies, and provided military liaison to New York City and State. The New York Naval Militia offered legal and medical assistance during the mission. It also took Governor's Island out of mothballs while it served as housing for the military. "While the disaster was most tragic, it was truly a great honor to have the opportunity to be of assistance and to work with a truly outstanding, dedicated and brave group of men and women," notes Steve.

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Editor's note: We regret to report that our '66 class correspondent, **Joe Cody,** *passed away on March 10. Class Notes responsibilities will revert to* **Stuart Berkman,** *who would love to hear from you. An obituary for Joe will appear in an upcoming issue of* CCT.

REUNION MAY 30–JUNE 2

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Incredibly, our 35th Reunion will soon be upon us. While it may seem impossible that 35 years have passed since the cleverest class walked the stairs of Hamilton Hall, their passage gives us good reason to reconvene on campus and celebrate during the weekend of May 30–June 2. The members of our venerable reunion committee — **Peter Basilevsky, Robert Coviello, Jeremy Epstein, Elliott Hefler, Jonathan Kranz, David Langsam, Everett Lautin, Roger Lehecka, Robert Pam, Stephen Rice, Robert Rosenberg, David Shaw** and **Harry Sticker** — have met repeatedly since October to lay the groundwork for a fantastic time. With Broadway shows, entertaining receptions, compelling speakers and a class dinner with one of the best views of New York, the weekend has it all. By now, you should have received a reunion registration packet in the mail; if you haven't, check out the schedule of events at www.college.columbia.edu/alumni/reunion, and register online.

Our committee members also have been hitting the phones to encourage attendance and promote our reunion class gift to the Columbia College Fund in support of financial aid and the Core Curriculum. The results of their efforts have been astounding, and the Class of 1967 can lay claim to the most potential attendees and amount raised of any reunion class so far. Let's keep the momentum rolling and make the 35th our best reunion to date!

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Once again, I got (e) mail, which helps the effort immensely. For those who care, a pattern may be evolving. Stay tuned. I heard from …

Jim Rizzo (always "the pizza man") had "nothing to explain, except that 30 years have gone by … and it's terrific to know the guy who is gluing our class together." Please, no applause. Jim's a Rochester, N.Y., attorney who covers the legal gamut "from serious crime to creditors' rights and small corporations, domestic relations to wills and estates." Weather permitting, "I still fly gliders and powered airplanes," and "[I'm] concentrating on gliding now … it's more fun." On the homefront, daughter, Tera, age 28 and married, "gave us a granddaughter with a mind of her own;" son, Emery, 14, keeps busy with "snowboarding and drums and 'being cool.'" Sounds like a normal family. Jim's parting comment: "What's up with our class?" If anyone knows, let me know.

Re: alumni from the area, Jim provided the following: Tony Sciolino '67 is a family court judge in Monroe County, N.Y.; Peter Kristal '66 is a fellow attorney in Rochester; and **Howard Rein** is a Rochester district attorney. P.S. All three now owe me an embellished update for the next column. Thanks, Riz. Keep in touch.

Ross Stolzenberg "is not dead yet," which is good news. Gainfully employed as a professor of sociology at the University of Chicago, he's an educator and researcher who also edits a scholarly journal for the American Sociological Association. He's "still married (first and only)," and lives in Glencoe, Ill., with his wife and daughter, Nava (17), a high school student. His older daughter, Shana, is married and living in Jerusalem with her husband and newborn daughter, Brocha.

Ross continues, "I try to do things that improve opportunities for disabled people here, especially children and young adults … I've ridden a bicycle since graduating ("rowing isn't an option"), and still [take] photographs … I'm astonished to read of classmates planning retirement. I hope to avoid it." Thanks for the update, Rafe. Send another whenever you're inclined.

Seth Weinstein sent an amazing piece, most of which deserves inclusion. "I skipped graduation (much to my later regret) … [for] a job with public television in Arizona, which led to a film [about] the ['68] democratic convention in Chicago, and then a job at KING-TV (NBC) in Seattle writing the news. After other equally interesting jobs, I ended up in St. Thomas, where I started Voyager Yacht Services, [which led to] "a couple of transatlantic passages and an encounter with a 'near perfect' storm off Bermuda. In 1976, I returned to New York to work with Operation Sail, and later [joined] a couple of fellows with a marginal merchandise business that I helped turn into gold."

Soon after, Seth met Cathy Haala, a relationship that is "still going well after 23 years." For the past 20 years, Seth has been in the real estate business and he now owns and runs Clearview Investment Management, based in Stamford, Conn. He and Cathy live in Stamford and Manhattan. Re: "my Columbia days, I am especially grateful for the Core readings in history and philosophy, and … [I] wish that the College had gone coed in '64. I send my regards to all my classmates and hope that this brief bio finds [everyone] healthy, wealthy and much wiser and (more) spiritually centered than when we last ate together in John Jay." Thanks for sharing your ups and downs with the rest of us. I appreciate the effort and the material. Keep in touch.

That's it for now, which was very respectable. Re: future issues … I always need material.

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Paul Miller lives in Armonk, N.Y., with his wife, Debby. They have been married 23 years and have a 21-year-old son, Luke, as well as "a lab and a red-throated conure." (A conure, as I learned on the Internet, is a type of parrot.) Debby is a social worker and psychotherapist. Paul "recently sold one sleepwear business and closed another." He is looking for a second career; meanwhile, he sees "many friends from my CC days."

Eric Witkin recently became counsel to the law firm of Brown Raysman Millstein Felder & Steiner LLP and a member of the Labor and Employment Practice Group in the firm's New York office. Eight of his colleagues from the former labor and employment boutique, Greble & Finger, joined Brown Raysman with him. They continue to represent management in labor and employment law issues such as defending against claims of discrimination, wrongful discharge, breach of contract, and so forth. You may reach Eric at 900 Third Ave., New York, NY 10002; e-mail: ewitkin@brownraysman.com; phone, (212) 895-2313.

Dick Menaker published a review in the *New York Law Journal* of a biography of Aaron Burr. In addition to practicing law as a partner in Menaker & Herrmann, Dick is chairman of the Committee on Legal History of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

Speaking of book reviews, I wrote two for the summer and winter 2001 issues of *NY Litigator,*

Gordon Klein '67 Wins 18-Year Crusade to Help Children

Pediatrician **Gordon Klein '67** waged a one-man battle against government bureaucracy for 18 years to remove a harmful ingredient, aluminum, from feeding solutions. His campaign, started in 1982, succeeded in 2000 when the Food and Drug Administration finally acknowledged his constant pressure and made a ruling outlawing the offending substance.

"I felt an obligation to do it because nobody else was doing it," Klein says. "I attribute a lot of this to the social conscience that I developed at Columbia."

Klein received his medical training at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Cambridge University and Stanford, then served in the Navy Medical Corps for two years during the Vietnam War. He completed fellowships at Johns Hopkins and UCLA, focusing on pediatric nutrition and digestive diseases.

"I felt that other disciplines took themselves a wee bit too seriously," Klein says. "I felt more at ease taking care of children."

Even though Klein was a government major at the College, nothing had prepared him for the travails of taking on the FDA. After Klein and his colleagues discovered the harmful effects of aluminum when it was present in intravenous feeding solutions such as those given to premature babies, Klein contacted the regulatory agency about requiring manufacturers to remove aluminum. Studies showed that aluminum, when introduced to the bloodstream for an extended period of two weeks to two months, is responsible for a painful bone disease and neurological damage.

It took four years for the FDA to draft the Intent to Propose Changes to Regulation and Request for Information. The actual proposal to make changes took another eight years. "These proposals spend an endless amount of time in legal offices," says Klein, whose calm, steady manner and soothing voice belie the relentlessness he displayed in taking on the FDA. Year after year, he wrote letters, made phone calls and sent e-mails.

"Those were the toughest eight years," he says of the waiting period for the proposal. "Fortunately, other things were going on to prevent me from going crazy and developing an ulcer." In 1986, Klein was appointed an associate professor of pediatrics and preventive medicine at the University of Texas Medical Branch, where his work included the care of children with digestive diseases and research in nutrition and bone metabolism in addition to teaching. He was promoted to professor in 1995.

It took 18 years, but pediatrician **Gordon Klein '67** *has finally gotten the FDA to ban potentially harmful aluminum from feeding solutions.*
PHOTO: JOHN GLOWCZWSKI, UTMB/GALVESTON

Every couple of months, Klein would again turn to his campaign and try to make headway in Washington. In addition to pressuring government officials, he contacted reporters at *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*, but nothing was written. "At one point, I got so frustrated," he says, "that I wrote an article for the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition* called 'Aluminum in Parenteral Solutions Revisited — Again.'"

Colleagues encouraged him to keep up the pressure. "I had to figure out how I could do it politely," Klein says. "I found out that the only thing I could do is give [the FDA] new data and send copies of papers I thought were relevant, including abstracts of presentations I would make at a meeting, and then add, 'And by the way, where is [the proposal] now, and who can tell me when it will come out?'"

Klein eventually contacted the offices of California Congressman Henry Waxman (D) and Texas Senator Phil Gramm (R). Both wrote to the FDA, urging it to follow the recommendations of the professionals.

Klein thinks it may have been his personal plea in 1999 to the new FDA commissioner, Jane Henney, that moved the process toward final action. "I wrote a synopsis of the problem and said, 'Please remember that every day that passes, more and more infants are being loaded with this potentially toxic substance,'" Klein says. Shortly thereafter, the proposal was published and circulated. In January 2000, the final rule was published; it went into effect a year later.

"I think the process takes as long as the noise level will allow it to take," Klein says of his understaffed struggle. By the time the new rule was made, children born when Klein and his colleagues discovered the problem had reached high school. "If there had been lawsuits, press coverage, a big hue and cry, things would have moved faster. This really got put on the back burner and nobody could tell me when it was going to be moved along, although the FDA never disagreed with the necessity to move it along."

In addition to premature babies and infants in intensive care, at-risk patients include those who have intestinal disease, kidney problems or are on dialysis, and those who receive intravenous feeding because of severe fluid loss. "Nobody thought it was going to affect as many people as it did," Klein says.

Manufacturers have until next year to comply with the new standards, and Klein is keeping his eye on them. "It's easy to relax and say, 'I've done my part, and now whatever happens, happens,'" he says. "But you can't do that."

In the meantime, the FDA has retained Klein as a consultant to review cases of aluminum contamination in other products.

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the journal of the Commercial and Federal Litigation Section of the New York State Bar Association; I serve on the executive committee of the section. Each review addressed a recently public legal treatise. Most of my outside writing time, however, has been devoted to *CCT* since it went to six issues a year.

Bill Stadiem, according to a press report (kindly forwarded by Dan Carlinsky '65), is working on a new book; *MISTER S: The Last Word on Frank Sinatra*. This is an account of Sinatra through the eyes of co-author George Jacobs, Sinatra's valet and confidant from 1953–68. (Bill, as you may recall, co-authored a successful book on Marilyn Monroe with Monroe's maid.) When I called him for details, Bill told me that the new book would be a "look at the '50s and '60s," focused on "a star in mid-life crisis and America in mid-life crisis." *MISTER S* is to be published next hear by HarperCollins. Bill also told me about an article, "Ring of Fire," which he wrote on commission from (the late) *Talk*, which will be published in the September 2002 issue of *Playboy*. The article recounts the importation to California of Russian supermodels who became deluxe call girls. In September, classmates finally will be able to say truthfully that they are buying *Playboy* for the article, not the pictures.

Entertainment Weekly, in its 2002 Forecast Issue, tells us to expect the latest novel from **Paul Auster**, *The Book of Illusions*, also in September.

As you can tell, some news just comes my way, but I am most dependent on classmates who write to me. E-mail is the easiest; please give it a try.

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Bad news on the doorstep: **Bill Wazevich** has died. As this sad news comes on the eve of this publication, we do not have any details. *CCT* will cover Bill's passing as well as some of his many accomplishments at Columbia and in his personal and business life in an upcoming issue. I knew Bill well and kept in touch with him over the years. The strength, courage, perseverance and loyalty that Bill demonstrated as one of Columbia's all-time football greats carried over to his professional and family life. Add to these qualities a large dose of integrity, and you get a complete picture of the man. If any of you wish to share stories about Bill, especially those that don't usually make it into the official reports, please let me

know, and I'll do my best to get them into these notes.

Roger Crossland, prior to 9/11, was a trial lawyer for Shepro & Blake in Stratford, Conn. As a long-time Naval reservist, he was mobilized and now finds himself in the Arabian Gulf. His e-mail is crosslandr@nswu3.bahain.navy.mil. I'm sure he'd appreciate some words of support. On behalf of our class, thanks for your good work.

No longer missing: **Charles Slater** felt pity, succumbed to my constant whining for class news and e-mailed me a terrific biographical note. "After graduating from Columbia, I continued to live in New York for another eight years, working in classical music publishing and distribution. I married my Barnard girlfriend, Marsha Witten; it's 25 years later and indeed, we are still married. We left New York for the Philadelphia area when I was offered a position of music distributor at J.W. Pepper, Valley Forge, Pa. Pepper has grown to be the dominant force in music retailing in the U.S. I started its Web site, www.jwpepper.com, when the concept was new. I've been given a creative position, vice president of information integration. I have never lost my love for music, and I consider myself lucky to be working with music and its creators. I also consider myself lucky to have been able to make major changes in my career at least twice after having passed 40. Marsha and I live in Haverford, Pa., with our children, Ben (13) and Joshua (5). I am in New York at least once a month, and I always make sure to reserve time to walk around the Upper West Side, though it's not the same without the New Yorker (although the Thalia was scheduled to reopen in late spring)."

Ground Zero report: When you visit NYC, make sure you take the time to visit and at the same time drop into Trinity Church, which was miraculously unscathed by the attacks, and pay your respects to one of America's great men of freedom and one of our own. Alexander Hamilton (Class of 1778) is buried in the church yard.

Finally, remember to reach out to each other and, in doing so, don't forget to let me know what you've been up to.

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You may have noticed an e-mail address at the top of this column. Use it. In addition to the few letters I get, I e-mailed several classmates requesting news for this issue and received good and prompt responses.

Michael Straus: "When I last updated you, I think it was sometime after returning from The Hague, where I was legal adviser to the Iran-U.S. Claims Tribunal. But that's a while ago, and since then the most notable event was my marriage in 1992 to Philippa Bainbridge, an Alabama native who was practicing law in New York when we met. In 1995, we moved to Alabama, where our first child was born that September. She also is named Philippa; our second child, Jacob Marcus, was born in February 1998. Philippa and I had formed our own law firm while in New York; she withdrew/retired when Marc was born, and the firm has since been reconstituted as Straus & Boies, LLP, with offices in Alabama, Virginia and California. I would logically have thought that I was the only class member in Alabama, but a couple of months ago — thanks to a tip from **Duncan Darrow**'s brother Peter '72 — I found that **Jay Waller** lives virtually around the corner from us. We've gotten together since then and picked right up where we left off; it's only been 30 years, after all. Temporary visitors from '71 to [Birmingham] Alabama also are welcome, of course."

Phil Nord: "I teach history at Princeton. I just stepped down as department chair after two terms of service. I have a wife, Deborah '71 Barnard, and two children Joseph (20) and David (13). Deborah teaches in the English department here. It took us a long time to find jobs together, but after a decade-plus of searching and commuting, we got lucky. Joseph's a sophomore at Columbia and is a member of the men's fencing team which just won the Ivy title. Our class turned out a number of historians, **Steve Ross, Roy Rosenzweig** and myself among them. I'm in regular touch with **Rob Mayer** (who teaches sociology at the University of Utah Salt Lake City), and through him, I hear news of several other classmates: **Lloyd Emanuel, John Jaeger, Larry Masket** and **Larry Teitelbaum**. I'm not a reunion attender by nature, but I did turn out for last year's 35th, a happy experience that made me wonder why I hadn't done this before."

Mark Schickman: "My son, Joshua, entered with the Class of 2005 and is singing with PIZMON, a Columbia a capella group. I head the employment/labor group at Cooper While & Cooper, a San Francisco law firm. In my Jewish communal work, I am president of the Holocaust Center of Northern California and chair the Israel Center of the Bay Area. My bar activities are president of the California Association of Local Bars, the California Judicial Nominee Evaluation Commission and the ABA's Coalition for Justice."

Lew Preschel: "I am an orthopedic surgeon practicing in Central New Jersey. I coach my younger daughter, Jill, who plays on a highly competitive girls traveling soccer team. And I returned to interviewing for Columbia College. Maybe in the near future my daughter will get to play soccer for the College. My older daughter is a junior/senior at NYU and a journalism major."

Arthur C. Helton, director, Peace and Conflict Studies, and senior fellow for Refugee Studies and Preventive Action at the Council on Foreign Relations, received the annual Award for Distinction in International Law and Affairs presented by the New York State Bar Association. He also teaches a course on refugee law and policy at the Law School, and his book, *The Price of Indifference: Refugees and Humanitarian Action in the New Century*, will be published this year by Oxford University Press and the Council.

Lashon Booker: "I went directly to graduate school at the University of Michigan after I left Columbia. I started in the math department at Michigan. My academic interests changed a bit, and eventually I earned a Ph.D. in computer science. During that time, I also earned a third-degree black belt in aikido. My wife, Doreen, and I were married just about 20 years ago, and we've been living in Northern Virginia since then. We have two children, Maria (14) and Matt (10). I'm a computer scientist at the MITRE Corp., where I do applied research in artificial intelligence for a variety of government sponsors."

Ed King: "I am enjoying my job with the Air Force as an occupational physician."

Kenny Tamarkin: "I recently co-authored two books, Contemporary's *GED Social Studies* and Contemporary's *GED Social Studies Exercise Book*."

Jack Lemonik: "I have unfortunately not yet realized my lifelong ambition to open a water ski school, but instead I have acquired three advanced degrees and held a succession of high-powered information technology positions in government, insurance, publishing and banking. I am chief technical officer of FxAll, an online foreign exchange trading startup backed by a consortium of 13 major banks. My wife, Celia ('74 Library), a noted calligrapher (www.kosherketubahs.com), and I do the suburban thing in Great Neck, N.Y., and continue to experience Columbia vicariously through our children: Dina '02L, Zack '00 (senior software developer with Multex.com), Micah '03E (managing director of Datalyte.com), Josef '06E and Yonah (will apply in two years)."

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Marty Edel writes that he's been practicing law in NYC for lo these many years. Having started at Cravath, Swain & Moore, he moved in 1978 to Miller & Wrubel, a litigation boutique. Although focused on commercial litigation, Marty has an interest in sports and teaches sports law at Brooklyn Law School. He and his wife, Pam, have two children, Charlie, a 2001 Yale grad who teaches in the NYC public schools, and Eliza, a first-year student at Virginia.

Larry Gans, who soon will have lived longer in St. Louis than anywhere else, spent 11 years on the ophthalmology faculty of Washington University. During those years, he traveled the world teaching eye surgery with Project Orbis. He's now in private practice in corneal and external ocular diseases and refractive surgery, having co-founded SureVision Eye Centers-Midwest, which has seven offices in the St. Louis area. He and his wife, Carol, have two sons, ages 9 and 5. Though he didn't do much singing at Columbia, he's now a member of Expanded Sound, a "barbershop comedy quartet" that performs around the country and has been seen on TV and in movies. Check it out at www.expandedsound.com.

After 25 years of imitating the Maytag repairman, waiting for someone to call or write with news for the column, I'm now going on the offensive. The Alumni Office has been good enough to supply me with the e-mail addresses of our class, so consider yourself forewarned. If I don't hear from you, I'm coming after you. Of course, if you'd rather not wait, come say hi at our 30th Reunion Weekend, May 30–June 2. A committee is at work planning programs for our class, and it will be fun to be on campus again. See you there.

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(where are you, **Will Schmidt**?) in and out of *CCT*. As would I. Write if your head works, as they say.

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A growing veneer of normalcy has started to take hold in New York City as the threat of another terrorist attack is pushed deeper into our collective psyches. Turning a blind eye to an ever-present possibility (dare I say probability?) seems more psychologically comfortable than dealing with the constant assault on our feeling of safety. (But still … no, it is better not to think about it too much.) The following column is devoted to how our classmates' lives have been influenced by the various spheres of crisis in our troubled world.

While most businesses slowed down after the attack, some became busier. Writes New York City and Long Island-based estate planning lawyer **Asher Miller:** "Unfortunately, every disaster creates opportunity. The estate planning business is definitely on an upswing, in part because of 9/11 but also because younger people are doing estate planning as well as because of the major changes in the tax laws in 2001. So, I'm pretty busy." If you could benefit from Asher's help, let me know, and I'll put you in contact with him.

Another classmate whose livelihood has been affected by a different type of crisis is **David Melnick.** After 12 years of research and teaching about viral infection (HIV), most recently at a hospital in Connecticut, David moved to Wilmington, Del., and became head of clinical research at AstraZeneca (a European drug giant). David writes, "The switch to bacterial drug resistance has been a refreshing challenge." David's daughter, Katie, is a junior at Columbia. His son, James, is 15 and "seems quite happy at Wilmington Friends (with an able assist from **Steve DeCherney**, who helped to arrange his admission). (Side note: Isn't it amazing that we have become old enough to have significant influence in our communities?)

Tom Sawicki has surfaced after at least a decade. In an e-mail from Jerusalem, Tom writes of his efforts in yet another area of crisis. "After many years with the *Jerusalem Report* magazine, which I helped found, I have joined the AIPAC (a D.C.-based pro-Israel lobby) as deputy head. Our two sons (Amitai, 16, and Ariel, 13) are doing great at their endeavors." Tom plans to pass through New York soon, so I should be able to report more details later.

The above indicates how the lives of classmates are influenced by the events of the moment. But let's turn back the clock a quarter century and imagine the challenges faced by classmate **David Black** during the "lazy, crazy and, for many, hazy" days of our undergraduate years. David e-mailed me from Raleigh, N.C.: "I submit what I suspect is a trump in your quest to find the earliest new member of the 'Class of '74 family.' My son, Chris, was born in January of our freshman year. If, for some technical reason, that doesn't count, his brother, Bryan, was born in '76, as I was finishing up a master's in architecture. I will stay out of the competition for first grandchild! Going to school, working, running track and being a husband and a father — all at the same time — gave me a unique perspective on the Columbia experience."

David, who has been practicing architecture in Raleigh for the past two decades, ends his e-mail with an interesting comment: "Those Columbia days sometimes seem like something that happened a long time ago to someone else. But I retain an affection for alma mater."

You needn't have solved a crisis, or even have spawned the earliest child, to be in this column. Just drop me a note or e-mail and let your classmates know how and what you are doing.

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Randolph Scott McLaughlin gave the keynote address at the 35th annual Freedom Funds Awards banquet of the NAACP's New Rochelle branch. Last summer, he received the NAACP's William Robert Ming Advocacy Award at the association's annual convention in New Orleans.

Randy Nichols recently was honored by his employer, Systems & Computer Technology, which awarded him an Emerald Award for Outstanding Service. The Emerald Award is SCT's premier employee recognition, and is awarded based upon nominations from other staff members. Randy is a member of a team that develops and deploys Internet applications for connected learning in higher education.

Robert A. Sclafani wrote: "I was being nostalgic about the old eighth floor Hartley gang of 1973–74. I had such a great time that year. I tried to remember some of them (below) and have indicated where I think they lived on the floor (all are class of 1975, except where indicated). I hope they remember and contact you or me to see if I have it right: South End: **Bob Sclafani, Corky Leary,** Marcos Delgado '74, **Marc Grossbard, Theo Mamouneas,** Leon Weiseltier '74, **Richard Slovak,** Tom Sawicki '74, Joel "Freshman" Bennett '77, and the **Pollack** Brothers (**Jeff** and **Steve**). Middle section: Peter "Dad" Lane '73 (head resident), Fred Bremer '74, **Joe Lipari** and **Mike Willson.** North end: **Lou** "The Greek" **Dalaveris**."

OK, guys, how good is Bob's memory?

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Steven Greene is living in Tenafly, N.J., "as it so happens, a stone's throw from fellow alumnus **Michael Sackler**. After many years in the ad business at shops like J. Walter Thompson and Interpublic Group, I started a public relations agency with my wife of 15 years, Karen Sperling Greene. While Karen has moved into the real estate biz, our business is going into its 11th year, with clients ranging from food and beverage to back-end technology. We have two great kids, Ariel (11) and Jared (9). Like any good offspring of a Columbia alumnus, they claim to be committed to MIT and Princeton educations. We will see about that! Every time I pass Columbia, I am amazed to see that the neighborhood that was so dangerous in our day is now prosperous and that the campus is packed with wonderful new construction. I also am delighted to hear of the rejuvenation of *Jester*, a publication to which I contributed way back when."

Ugur Guner moved to the San Francisco Bay area about three years ago from Philadelphia, and "the whole family is loving it out here after spending our whole lives in the snow belt. I'm the finance director in treasury for Cadence Design Systems in San Jose, and my wife, Ivgen, is the v.p. of corporate financial planning and analysis for Oracle Corporation in Redwood City. Our son, Timur, is 15 and a high school freshman. Our daughter, Aylin, is 13 and in eighth grade. They are world-class video game players. We've adopted the San Jose Sharks in hockey and the Oakland Raiders in football. As a Raiders season ticket holder, I have one thing to say to you '76ers from New England: We was robbed; the greatest travesty in the history of North American sports."

As a result of a casual conversation under the dome of Low Library at our 25th reunion last June, **Daniel P. Baker** was recently appointed director of schools, centers and institutes in Columbia's University Development and Alumni Relations office. Beginning in the College Alumni Office 20 years ago, Dan's career has been devoted to not-for-profit management and philanthropy. He considers his return to Morningside Heights a "personal and professional homecoming" (as well as a cautionary tale on the danger of attending one's College reunion). Dan lives in Connecticut with his wife, Rebecca (Queens College '78), and his children, Benjamin and Sarah. Dan can be reached at dpb21@columbia.edu.

Arthur Steinberg lives in New Jersey, where he has been practicing law for the past 22 years and is a bankruptcy partner at Kaye Scholer, which has offices in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Washington D.C., London and Hong Kong. He's married and has three daughters who range in age from 10 to 16. He's still trying to play basketball, and "as I get older, look back with increasing fondness for my days at Columbia. I wish all my classmates much health and happiness."

Joseph Markowitz moved from New York City to Los Angeles on a temporary basis about 12 years ago, and is still wondering when he will be going home. "Orson Welles called L.A. 'the big armchair,'" he says, "You sit down, and the next thing you know, 20 years have gone by. I can't believe that I have been doing business litigation for longer than that. While I still find the practice of law stimulating, my life did not really become exciting until my wife and I had twins about seven years ago. I hope anyone who remembers me will send me an e-mail at jcm@markowitz-fernandez.com."

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I am sure that we will be hearing something about what happened at Reunion (May 30–June 2) in the

next issue or two: who was there, what they have been doing, what they think. I also am sure, however, that many of us will not be able to make it. If you are going to miss reunion and feel the slightest twinge of regret, it might be a good time to let me know what is up (or, has been up) with you. That might be the next best thing to being there, catching up-wise.

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The word from Morningside Heights is that our reunion is just a year away. In this new era of well-organized alumni functions — something we mid-old timers are still getting used to — we need to form a committee and get going. If you are so inclined, please let me know at the above e-mail or let the folks on campus know.

No news to report this issue, but I did want to share with you my experiences as an alumni interviewer this winter. The news here is all good. First of all, the communication between the volunteers and the Admissions Office is excellent. The College has designed a wonderful Web interface for giving assignments and receiving completed interview information; it's impressive and easy to use. Secondly, the genuine enthusiasm for Columbia and the city is apparent in the high schoolers with whom I met.

The word is certainly out about the investments in the campus, the Core classes and the overall draw of the city. The events of last September only seem to have increased the desire of the students in my area to be part of the Big Apple.

My only worry — and that of the kids I interviewed — is that they won't get in. They were all great students with loads of activities and interesting personal stories. Still, it is so tough now that I did feel a little less than confident in assuring them that they had a great shot. Anyway, it was a bit of work but very rewarding, and I encourage all of you to consider helping out in your parts of the country.

Until next time, please be in touch so we can build some great momentum in the columns leading up to our 25th in 2003.

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No news this time. Please let me know what you're up to and how you're doing!

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My urgent appeal for class notes generated long responses from several classmates (**Joe Wagner, George Ochoa** and **Bill Zimmerman**). Due to the nature of this column, I must selectively edit (being an econ major, this is not an easy task!).

Joe is now a Texan, residing outside Dallas with his wife, Michele, and two daughters, Joelle and Alena. Joe works for Kentucky Fried Chicken as director of field marketing for the western U.S. Prior to this position, he had been with Coors and Guinness. He has lived in six states since graduation and visited all but one (Alaska). Joe, I am no stranger to fried chicken and beer, although since reaching 40, I have introduced bran cereal and skim milk to my diet. Joe keeps in touch with many of our classmates, such as football legends **Sean Cannon, Bob Haskins, Gregg Wilamowski** and Bill Epling '81E. You can reach Joe at joewagner@coserv.net.

George sat next to me in Professor Steele's Latin class, and I remember him consistently outperforming me (and the class, for that matter!). George and his wife, Melinda, have operated a writing and editing business for the past 14 years (Corey and Ochoa). They have written or contributed to 57 reference books on almost every subject (Latin was just a warm-up for this guy), including history, science, literature, the arts, religion, philosophy, movies and model trains. They have an 8-year-old daughter, Martha Adeline, and reside in pristine Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. George extends best wishes to all our classmates, and can be reached at corey-ochoa@worldnet.att.net.

We received a tremendous letter from Bill, which I will attempt to highlight in the next few sentences. Bill has been married for 21 years to Karen, and has three great children (Kristen, a sophomore at UConn, and sons Eric (16) and Michael (13)). All of the children participate in various sports (volleyball, football, basketball), and judging from Bill's comments, we might see several on television soon. Bill is a financial consultant with Salomon Smith Barney in Hartford, Conn., but has also had long stints with Merrill Lynch and Mobil Oil. He is involved with coaching local sports (football, basketball, softball and baseball). Local politics (Republican party) have not escaped his interests, as he has worked on Governor John Rowland's campaign staff. He also twice ran for elected office. When not busy with work, family or politics, Bill likes to play basketball in the over-30 league, ride his 1,500cc motorcycle and participate in the local, Doric chapter of Masonic temple activities. Bill has led, and is leading, an active and varied life and feels quite blessed by his family, good friends and health. He can be reached at bz9717@msn.com.

Finally, I had the chance to meet up with two classmates during recent business trips. **Brian Krisberg** and I had a few cocktails after a conference in NYC. Brian knows everything that's going on at Columbia (and who is doing what), as he has been involved with the University since graduation and is secretary of the CC Alumni Association. Also, while in California I spent the night at the home of Bill Bensing '81E, and we had a great time golfing the next day (what I play bears some resemblance to golf).

Looking forward to many more updates. If you are in NYC, take time to visit the campus.

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In my 20 years as class correspondent for *CCT*, this may have been the most difficult column for me to write. I am very sorry to report that my good friend and our former class president, **Bob Kemp,** has had to take extensive time off from his successful intellectual property law practice to recover from a serious illness. The only good news is that he survived a risky surgery and is being greatly helped in his continuing treatment and recovery by his wife, Susan, also a lawyer. Bob told me that he still has "a warm place in my heart for Columbia." Even in the midst of his poor health, Bob asked me for class news and told me that he is proud of the achievements of the class. He is the most dependable, determined person I know, and on behalf of the class, I wish Bob a successful, speedy recovery.

American Airlines' in-flight magazine, **American Way,** *runs a series entitled "Celebrated Weekend" in which a featured personality tells of favorite things to do, places to stay and dine and so forth in his or her city. The February 15 issue featured* **George Stephanopoulos '82,** *described as "the former Clinton administration wunderkind, who now appears on ABC's This Week each Sunday," in a cover story about a weekend in Washington, D.C. Among Stephanopoulos' tips were the Ritz-Carlton as a place to stay; Galileo, A.V. Ristorante or the Palm for dinner; and Kramerbooks & Afterwords Café, "the best bookstore in America [with] books in the front and a café in the back." For nightlife, Stephanopoulos recommends "anything at the Kennedy Center" or a visit to Blues Alley, a jazz supper club in Georgetown.*

Another Sapphire Society member, **Rudy Slintak,** reports that recent events have prompted him to maintain closer ties to college friends. He and his wife, Stacey, were married in 1995 and have three girls, Julia (5), Lauren (3) and Andrea (11 months). Rudy was a commodities trader after college, but changed careers and now works for United Airlines, where he is head of the Cargo Revenue Management group at the corporate headquarters in Elk Grove Village, Ill.

John J. Cifu visited NYC for a week last summer with his wife, Annmarie, and two children, Amanda (10) and James (9). They went to the WTC and thus were emotionally affected by its collapse. On a more pleasant note, John went back to the Columbia campus for the first time since 1983 and thought it looked great. He notes that his economics degree helped him in obtaining his CMA. The Cifu family resides in Palm Harbor, Fla., where John is an accounting

manager at Morgan Tire & Auto, Inc., also known as Tires Plus.

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Mark Momjian '83 '86L is a partner in the Philadelphia-based law firm of Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis, LLP. In addition to his full-time law practice, Mark is an adjunct associate professor of psychiatry at the MCP Hahnemann University School of Medicine. For the past 10 years, he has served as chair of the Alumni Representative Committee of Philadelphia for the College and SEAS. He also is an officer of the Columbia Law School Association. He is married to the former Melineh Vartany SIPA '86. They have two sons, David (9) and Gregory (7).

Frank Messina is a doctor at Indiana University School of Medicine in the departments of internal and emergency medicine. Frank was a fellow member of 14 Jay (he remembers **Mark Licht**). He also writes that he remembers me unicyclying down the hall while juggling. Frank requests that other floormates of ours write to Class Notes.

Andrew Botti married Lesa Stramondo on September 15, 2001, at the Chatham Bars Inn, Chatham, Mass. The wedding was attended by Dr. **Peter Fumo** and his wife, Susan. Andrew and Lesa are attorneys who work in Boston and live in Andover, Mass.

Tai Park was at the U.S. Attorney's office in the Southern District of New York for close to 10 years before leaving to join Shearman & Sterling in September 1999 as a litigator. He was elected partner this past January. In November 1999, Tai married Jenny, a public school teacher in the South Bronx. Tai notes, "Our lives are busy, getting busier."

Teddy Weinberger writes from Israel that "the November issue never made it to me. If you have the Class Notes on your computer, could you forward them to me?" All Columbia class notes can be accessed at www.college.columbia.edu/alumni/classpages. Teddy, it is great, as always, to hear from you!

Kevin Chapman, who resides in Princeton, invited my wife and me to the Columbia/Princeton basketball game. Maybe we can get a group together to join Kevin and Sharon, '83 Barnard, at next year's game? Kevin remarks, "Wild to read about **Wayne Root**'s success as a sports gambler. Certainly the dream of many of our classmates, and despite success on Wall Street or in law or medicine, many of us would gladly switch places with him, eh?"

Ed Barbini has been working at IBM for eight years, most recently as vice president, corporate public relations. Ed states, "It's a great industry, and IBM is an exciting place to be." Ed is married with two kids, and spends most of his free time with them. However, he still finds time to listen to Columbia football games on WKCR. Many of us remember Ed's outstanding broadcasts on WKCR during the early '80s.

Marcus Brauchli reports: "Saw your note wondering what happened to me. Still out here. *CCT* doesn't find me so easily, because our offices were in the WFC, across from the WTC. I'm national editor of *The Wall Street Journal*. Spent 15 years abroad, mostly in Asia. Married, two daughters, all well." Marcus, it is great you continued to pursue your passion for journalism after graduation. As students, we loved reading your articles in *Spectator*.

Jonathan Green writes, "How are things going with our class these days? To catch up on 20 years, I returned to Chicago and went to law school at Chicago-Kent/IIT, then worked in Washington on a fellowship in international law at the American Society of International Law and then in Brussels at a European law firm. I returned to Chicago in '90 to work in the Illinois state legislature (legal staff to the Speaker of the House) and then at Illinois attorney general's office until May '97, when I went into private practice. I also took a leave of absence from the A.G.'s office and got an L.L.M. in international and comparative law at Georgetown Law Center in '94.

"I am of counsel to Rock, Fusco & Garvey, Ltd., in Chicago, where I have a practice in international law, corporate law and civil litigation. I chair the trade and business subcommittee of the Chicago-Paris Sister Cities Committee, and work with a number of clients in France. I also am active with the ABA section of international law and practice. Enough with bio stuff. You can check my Web site for that: www.jcgreenlaw.com.

"I got married on October 14, 2000, to Monica DeBartolo here in Chicago. One of our first dates was in New York, when I was at a conference at the Bar of the City of New York and she was at a trade show in Manhattan for the Merchandise Mart. I would like to get in touch with people and try to make the upcoming 20th reunion, assuming there will be one. Any dates yet?"

The reunion will be May 29–June 1, 2003. We are now forming a 20th reunion committee, and Jonathan has agreed to participate. He writes, "I guess it would be like a continuation of my old class committee activities. It would probably be good having someone from the Midwest on the committee. I can easily contact **Jim Palos** here in town (I see him every once in a while). I also went to Reid Hall in Paris during junior year. I could try finding the '83 classmates that were on that program, too." Thanks for your support, Jonathan. Any other classmates who want to participate on the reunion committee should please send me an e-mail.

Kevin Cronin notes that his Carman roommate, **Barry Rashkover** ('86 Cornell Law), a lawyer with the Securities & Exchange Commission, was very close to the 9/11 tragedy. Kevin states, "The SEC was in one of the non-tower buildings in the World Trade Center complex that collapsed during the fires. Barry had a long walk home to the Upper West Side before he could offer a reassuring hug and kiss to his wife, Jennifer Traham, and child, Ted, but is otherwise well." Kevin adds, "After a decade working for Congress, I moved back home to Cleveland to set up a new nonprofit, dedicated to improving computer access, education and training. While in D.C., I worked for Senators Dick Durbin and Dianne Feinstein, around a stint as a counsel for a House Committee, where I helped write budget laws (including the first line item veto/rescission bill ever to pass the House). When the House went from majority Democrat to majority Republican, committee staff was reduced by a third, and, coincidently, all the dismissed staffers were on the Democrat side. I wear my dismissal by Newt Gingrich as a badge of honor.

"While working for Feinstein, I worked on budget, tax and economic issues, helping her represent the interests of the seventh largest economy on earth. I worked closely with technology companies, and it made sense to return to Cleveland to help strengthen the tech sector of the NE Ohio. When I left Feinstein's office, we agreed that all economies could use a little bit of California in them, and that's what I'm doing. I regret that I have nothing new on the personal front in terms of a wife and kids, but recently added a dog, Lucy, named to note a book on the lyrics of John Lennon that she chewed up. I also serve as a managing director for Bodwin Theatre Company, a small professional theater company. Visitors welcome — we can go from the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and Museum to the Cleveland Orchestra, with a stop off at the Cleveland Museum of Art. All the best."

We have not heard in a while from **Richard Welch, Phil Wolinsky, Kasbek Tambi, Drew Velting, Ted Storey, James Stringfellow, Joseph Sullivan, Nicholas Smirensky, Matthew Stedman, Daniel Schainholz** and **Mark Sharp**. Please send an e-mail!

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We start off with my first-year Carman Hall suitemate, **Ronald E. Thompson III**, who reports "nothing besides the craziness of life when you are chasing a 2-year-old around." Ronald is director of product delivery for gov-ONE Solutions.

Monsieur et Madame **Cary Pfeffer** announced the birth of their first child, Samantha Greta, in Paris. In May, the famille Pfeffer bids adieu to the City of Lights and relocates to Boston where Cary becomes the v.p. of medical affairs for Biogen.

Naches emerges as classmate **Jeff Rashba** advises that "despite all the difficulties and tensions associated with living (and practicing law) in Jerusalem these days, we were blessed with the arrival of our fourth daughter (Aviya Sapir Rashba) one month ago."

And a hearty Mazel Tov to **Harry Chefitz** and his wife, Dalya, on the birth of their daughter, Nava, who joins siblings Leora (12) and Ezra (8). Harry reports that "for the past eight years, I have been a stay-at-home dad, a career change that was a result of a cavernous malformation, a bleed in my brainstem, and subsequent brain surgery (at Columbia, no less!)."

Dr. **Joe Bernstein** and his wife, Kirsten, report the birth of their third child, Jeb. The Bernsteins live in Pennsylvania, where Joe is in his 12th year at Penn Med as a junior faculty member. He writes: "My department of orthopedic surgery … is home to three other Columbians: Rich Davidson, David Horn ('72 and '82, I think)

and Zachary Burt Friedenberg '36. Friedenberg still practices and is an active and popular teacher in the medical school."

Bernstein stays in touch by e-mail with classmates **David Kahan**, who had his fourth child and first daughter, Halle, and **David Rier**, who is a professor of medical sociology in Israel (and mobilized in the Reserves). Finally, he noted with sadness the death of Professor Wallace Gray and asked if fellow Lit Hum classmates Doug Gleason '83, Jon White '85 and Ric Wolf '86 would contact him: orthodoc@uphs.upenn.edu.

Veering off the baby track, we crash into classmate **Daniel Davis,** a v.p. with JP Morgan Chase, who is trading high-grade corporate bonds and has been living in Hong Kong for more than a year. He invites any '84 or '91B-school classmates to touch base when in China at: daniel.davis@jpmorgan.com.

Also living substantially west of the Hudson is **Peter S. Field**. As a member of the department of history at the University of Canterbury in New Zealand, he beckons us to run to the bookstore to buy his latest tome: *Ralph Waldo Emerson: The Making of a Democratic Intellectual* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2002).

Congrats to **P. Langham Gleason**, who remarried on January 19 to lovely Shelley Rolfe, a nurse anesthetist. Says Langham, "I am adopting her 4-year-old daughter, Suzanna. Practicing neurosurgery in Santa Fe continues to go well, and I should be here for decades to come."

In Israel, **Marc Friedman** finds strength through his children and the future they represent. He writes: "My 10-year-old son, Zalman, is about to finish learning all 24 books of the Bible and knowing them or their content by heart. And my 6-year-old daughter, Ashira, has just mastered learning to read and received her first siddur (prayer book) at a large celebration with singing and dancing. My 5-year-old, Alexander, also received his first prayer book, and my 2-year-old daughter, Talia, is as cute as a button, whatever that means."

Finally, we hear from our class' pop poet, **Adam Belanoff** — of Varsity Show fame — and now, the guru of the TV sitcom. After a recent stint in Chicago working on *What About Joan?*, Adam has returned to warmer climes, once again living in Malibu and "plotting" his next move, or, as he puts it, "continu(ing) to toil and make a life in and around the television mines." He notes that classmate **Steve Gee** finished up a stint in Eastern Europe with the Peace Corps, took his State Department exams, and is stationed at the American Embassy in Moscow.

Thanks to everyone above for heeding my last-minute request for info. So, all you other guys, don't be strangers! E-mail us anytime.

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Arthur Martella M.D. writes: "It was nice to read about old friends in our Class Notes. I was roommates with **Tom Wheeler** and **Glenn Alper** in our senior year. After leaving Columbia (reluctantly), I finished medical school, general surgery residency and cardiothoracic surgery residency. I am practicing cardiothoracic surgery in Bryn Mawr, Pa. With my wife, Donna, I have one son and look forward to an occasional weekend in New York City."

Nat Linhardt writes: "My wife Jill (Robin) Linhart ('88 Barnard) and I are enjoying life in sunny southern California. I juggle the busy schedule of an internal medicine practice during the day with my four children's Little League and soccer games during the evenings and weekends."

Kevin Kelly writes: "For all of my talk about looking for a job, I haven't done a blessed thing to secure gainful employment, which of course doesn't mean that I haven't been spending my time in a worthwhile fashion. I did pay for an individualized and expensive career counseling — life/work/self balancing experience, which was excellent, but am still enjoying my time 'off' way too much to consider fighting with the crowds for the few remaining deck chairs on the *Titanic* right now. I think I will wait for a couple of growth indicators and upticks so that I can ride the wave.

"I spent the first part of February in Hanover, N.H., with Kurt Gantrish '87 (formerly Bekebrede), his wife, Jen, and their four sons, Keegan, Liam, Benny and new arrival Nolan. The second part of February was spent in Miami Beach recuperating from the nasty effects on my demeanor that cold weather seems to cause. Add to the winter blues the fact that I managed to quit my nicotine addiction cold turkey (on December 31, 2001), and you have a not-so-pretty picture, which a couple of weeks in the sun managed to improve radically.

"In further celebration of my freedom, I am leaving for another seven-week trip at the end of March. (Those who read this column regularly might remember that last year, after my dad died, I went to Australia for six weeks to recharge my batteries.) This time, I will be visiting Germany and Scandinavia. I sublet an apartment in Berlin for three weeks, starting Easter Sunday, and, at presstime, planned to spend most of my time in Berlin, though I will make two side trips to visit friends in Hamburg and Dresden. Then, on April 19, I planned to be off to Helsinki for a spell, then a ferry across the Gulf of Finland to Tallinn for a while, then a nice long overnight boat ride from Tallinn to Stockholm. Then, after a week in Stockholm, I will take the train down to Copenhagen, via the huge new bridge/tunnel Oresund crossing. After a week in Copenhagen, I return to New York via London in mid-May. After that, I promise I will look for a job. Although, I have never been to Canada, and June would be perfect for Canada, and it is such a short drive up to Montreal …".

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You guys have come through! I e-mailed for updates and the response was incredible. Thanks to the many who contributed. What I'm most struck by is that we are far more diverse and eclectic than you might realize. From a U.S. Senatorial candidate to Broadway musicians, we are starting to come into our own.

We heard from some of the artists in our class, such as **Paul Vercesi,** whom you can catch nightly in the orchestra pit at *The Full Monty* on Broadway. He's a member of Monty composer David Yazbek's band and does studio work as well. Before the Broadway gig, Paul toured Europe for two years with a hardcore/funk band, taught woodwinds at Holy Cross High in Queens, did more weddings on Long Island and in Westchester than he'd care to remember and was an original member of NYC's seminal funky-reggae band, Urban Blight, until '95 when the band broke up. He and his partner live in the East Village with their one-year-old daughter, who takes up most of Paul's non-working time.

On the West Coast, **Jeffrey Sick** works as an independent record producer and electric violinist in Seattle. He's part of a duo, The Guarneri Underground (www.guarneriunderground.com), and has a new CD coming out this spring and a back catalog of six releases. The duo plays a mix of world music, jazz, funk, new age, rock and blues that can only be described as "new world" music. The Guarneri Underground has played hundreds of concerts at Pacific Northwest festivals and is a staple of the Seattle music scene. Jeff also has played on-stage violin and percussion in the Broadway and road productions of *M. Butterfly* with Tony Randall. He's shared stages with Buddy Miles and Jimmy Buffett. And as a session violin soloist, Jeff's work has been featured on the soundtrack to the Paramount pictures release *The Gift*.

Tom Yanni has had an interesting journey. After earning a master's in American studies at GW in '94, he worked in public relations at the Rosenbach Museum & Library in Philly, a rare book and manuscript museum. Then, in '97, well, I'll let Tom tell this one: "On a lark, I wrote *Sex Tips for Straight Women from a Gay Man* — under the pen name Dan Anderson — which was published by Judith Regan at HarperCollins. The book has gone through 30 U.S. printings, been published in the United Kingdom and Australia and translated into Dutch, German and Japanese. In Fall 1998, I moved to L.A. to work on a screenplay adaptation of the book and to continue writing … In 2001, my follow-up book, *Sex Tips for Gay Guys*, was published by St. Martin's Press … A few months ago my screenplay adaptation of *Sex Tips* was optioned, so we're hoping it makes it into production sometime before we all start collecting Social Security."

Online privacy is being protected in no small part by people like **John Featherman.** After an M.B.A. from Columbia, John's work on privacy protection attracted national attention and he appeared in *The Wall Street Journal* and *USA Today* and served as a correspondent for WPSG-TV 57 in Philly. John even ran for the U.S. Senate in Pennsylvania in 2000 as a third-party candidate at the behest of consumer advocates familiar with his pro-civil libertarian stances. He came in third of five candidates. John's now president of featherman.com, a consumer privacy protection firm, as well as privacy manager for Reynolds & Reynolds in Dayton, Ohio. John's work involves writing those privacy statements you see at the bottom of many Web sites and developing internal privacy policies. John deeply mourns the passing of our classmate **Seilai Khoo**, who'd taken several computer science and economics classes with him. "She was one of the sweetest people you'd ever meet, and I feel honored that she was my friend."

No one can accuse **Alon Mogilner** of taking the shortcut to success! After 14 years, Alon completed the M.D.-Ph.D. program at NYU followed by a neurosurgery residency at NYU. He's assistant professor of neurosurgery at New

York Medical College in Valhalla, N.Y., specializing in functional neurosurgery, which involves the neurosurgical treatment of movement disorders, chronic pain, epilepsy and psychiatry disorders. He lives in New Rochelle with his wife, Myra, an executive recruiter; daughter, Shoshana; and sons, Josh and Joseph.

Morris Hartstein is an assistant professor and a director of ophthalmic plastic surgery at St. Louis University. He and his wife, Elisa ('94 Business), have three kids: Eliana, Dalia and Zack. Elisa's business, Expressiva, makes contemporary nursing wear for women who breastfeed.

Laurie Rosen Herman and her husband, Gideon, live in southern Israel on a kibbutz 50 km from Eilat. Gideon was one of the founders of Kibbutz Lotan, which is how they ended up there after spending six years in Riverdale while Laurie finished her residency at Montefiore. They have 5-year-old triplets, Noa, Eden and Gabriel, and a 3-year-old, Nadav. They'll probably head to the center of the country next year.

Victor Pardi is an orthodontist in private practice in Greenwich, Conn., and for the past eight years has been an assistant clinical professor in the division of orthodontics at the School of Dental and Oral Surgery.

Our classmates also are achieving in the worlds of nonprofit and academia. Like **Barry Whittle,** who gets the long distance award. He lives in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, having recently moved from Vientiane, Laos, where he had been living for the last few years. Barry's married to Elke, an architect, and is the proud father of 3-year-old Anna. He works as a country director for PSI, a nonprofit social marketing group focusing on improving global health primarily in developing countries by developing and marketing branded, quality, affordable basic health products and doing advertising and promotions. "If we have any Internet billionaires in our class looking for a good cause, contributions are always welcome!"

Joel Berg served for eight years in the Clinton administration, where he helped start the AmeriCorps national service program and helped coordinate federal hunger policy. He returned to NYC in 2001 to become executive director of the New York City Coalition Against Hunger, which represents 1,013 food pantries and soup kitchens in the city, as well as the more than one million low-income New Yorkers who depend upon them.

Adam Cohen received a Ph.D. in medieval art history at Johns Hopkins, and after working at the Getty Museum in L.A. moved to D.C., where he lives with his wife, Linda Saffran, another art historian, and their 3-year-old son, Josiah Raphael. He's done some teaching stints at Texas and UC Berkeley and is now in his second year at William and Mary in historic Williamsburg, Va.

Kevin McIvor is back in the Bronx where he teaches high school, while his wife, Mary Garcia '87E, works as an oil market analyst. Kevin recently visited College roommate **Rodolfo de la Rosa** in San Antonio, where he works as an architect and lives with his wife, Toni, and children, Marina and Rudy. Also on the trip was Matt Reddick '87, who's a lawyer working on appeals for inmates at Rikers Island.

Joshua Roth has been teaching anthropology at Mount Holyoke College since '98 and has a book coming out later this year, *Brokered Homeland: Japanese Brazilian Migrants in Japan.* **J.D. Scrimgeour** is a tenured assistant professor at Salem State College in Salem, Mass., and runs the creative writing program there. He published a short memoir last year, *SPIN MOVES.* J.D. is married to Eileen Fitzgerald, and they have two boys. You can reach J.D. at jscrimge@salemstate.edu.

Of course, we still have our fair share of lawyers and financiers! **Frank Napolitano** is associate counsel at the Archdiocese of New York. He and his wife, Moira Moynihan, live in Greenwich, Conn., where he also serves as a volunteer firefighter. As fate would have it, his fire company was deployed to Ground Zero on a digging detail. "The extent of the devastation from the attack was overwhelming. Hieronymus Bosch could not have envisioned a more macabre sight … The scope of devastation was matched only by the awe-inspiring site of hundreds of rescue and recovery workers silently working around the clock trying to save lives. I was never prouder to be an American. Anyone who doubts the resolve and courage of Americans should have been there in those early weeks after the attack. In December I was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant."

Steven Soren has come full circle. After an M.S. from the School of Architecture, Steve worked in residential and developer real estate, got his law degree from California Western School of Law in San Diego, met his future wife, Karen Beth Snyder, moved back to NYC, and opened a law practice with Karen. Based on Staten Island, Soren & Soren concentrates on real estate, personal injury and matrimonial matters. They're also kept busy with son James, Class of 2020. Steve has an impressive 14 golf handicap and is seeking single digits.

Harry Lipman wed Julie Ann Roth and was named a member of the law firm Anderson & Rottenberg, where he practices commercial litigation. He soon will be leaving Manhattan to live in a Brooklyn brownstone. **Steve Huskey** and his wife, Brigid, had their first child, Evan Alexander, in January. Steve is at the L.A. law firm of Epport & Richman, where he's been a partner for the past four years practicing real estate and corporate law. Also on the West Coast, **John Kirkland** lives in Pacific Palisades, where he's a shareholder with the L.A. office of Greenberg Traurig, practicing corporate and securities law with an emphasis on entertainment and technology. He married Angela Erin Boone last summer at Francis Ford Coppola's Blancaneaux Lodge in the rainforest of Belize and honeymooned near the barrier reef in Placencia, Belize, where Angela caught five fish!

Since leaving Columbia, **Steve Trevor** has worked for two companies, Time, Inc., and then Goldman Sachs after graduating from Harvard B-school. We last left him and his wife, Ronnie Planalp, and their bulldog, Sydney, in Hong Kong in '95. Steve worked in principal investing for Goldman in Hong Kong, while shuttling to Korea and Thailand. After nearly five years there, they moved to London, where they live across from Regent's Park. They now enjoy the company of their son, Jackson Smith. Ronnie is SVP of New Media for EMI Recorded Music. Their roots to N.Y. have not been severed, though, as they are constructing an ultra-modern glass weekend house in Millbrook, N.Y.

Goran Puljic recently moved back to the States from Frankfurt and is happily living in Darien, Conn., with his wife, Melinda, and boys, Nicky and Tucker. He's one of the few still at the same firm since graduation, Goldman Sachs, and is now doing credit derivatives in N.Y. **Wei In** is a director in the technology equity research group at UBS Warburg, where he covers the global technology universe. Before that, he was a managing director at MSI Consulting in Seattle and a director of Asia-Pacific for the IT Group at McGraw-Hill Companies and *BYT.* **Rob Casper** is a managing director at Morgan Stanley in the Institutional Securities Group. He lives with his wife, Laurie, and kids, Maxwell and Haley, in Armonk, N.Y. **Bill Teichner** continues as a small-cap value manager at Frontier Capital Management in Boston. **John Chachas** is a managing director in media investment banking at Merrill Lynch, following 13 years at CSFB. He and his wife, Diane Dougherty '84 Barnard, who works at ABC-TV, just had their third child, John Jr., who joins daughter Anne and son Christopher.

Rob Cea completed Columbia's Executive M.B.A. program and then joined Microsoft's N.Y. sales office. As a sales manager, he leads a team that calls on large enterprise accounts in the N.Y. metro area. He lives with his wife, Rizza, in Hoboken. **Gregg Tobias** finished his M.B.A. at Columbia a year ago and is a consultant at Bain & Company. He lives in Pelham, N.Y., with his wife, Heather, and two sons, Simon and Aron. **Tom Giordano** and his wife, Anna, live in New Rochelle and are enjoying their 1-year-old, Francesco Felix, who was born prematurely at 2½ lbs but is now a "roly-poly 12-pounder" and doing well.

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I am so excited to be able to report news in this issue from many people who have never submitted information to Class Notes, as well as updates from some other old friends! I'll let them speak in their own words.

David Skolnick wrote: "For 15 years, I have read the class notes of '87 but never submitted even the smallest hello. In the last issue of *CCT,* **Anne Marie Coffman** submitted a long note and at the end asked why I had been so silent. She did not call me by name but wondered what happened to all the other 'orgo nerds' of our class. I was sure that she was referring to me and perhaps a few others.

"I went to the University of Pennsylvania for medical school after spending a year in Switzerland working in a chemistry lab. I got that opportunity with the help of Professor Nicholas Turro (chemistry department at Columbia), whose colleague lived in Lausanne. Much to my surprise, I have spent the past 10 years in the Midwest. I met my wife, Lisa, in St. Louis and we live in Kansas City, Mo., with our children Sabina (3) and Noah (16 months). I work at the Mid-America Heart Institute as a cardiologist with 26 others in my group, and I love it! During my residency, I ran into **James Meschia,** who lived next door to

me freshman year in John Jay. James was studying neurology and is now on staff at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Fla."

Natalie Nielson Riep wrote: "I have never submitted anything to Class Notes, but I guess now is a good time to do so. After graduation, I went to Britain for about two years. Then I returned and worked in Los Angeles where I met my husband, Steve Riep. We have been married for almost 10 years. After I completed an M.Ed, we went to Taiwan for a year so Steve could do research for his dissertation on modern Chinese literature. We went for one year and stayed for five. I taught as a lecturer in the English department at National Chengchi University. We returned to the States in 1999. Our time in Taiwan was fantastic. I became fluent in Chinese and developed an interest in Chinese calligraphy. We also traveled throughout Asia. One of the most interesting places we went was Mongolia, where we rode horses and ate mare's milk cheese. After returning to California, I taught high school for a year and decided I needed to do something different. I am the marketing manager for JQ American Corporation, which supplies medical, industrial and chemical products to the Middle East. I love my job and am thinking about learning Arabic."

Writing from Lithuania, **Herb Block** says: "I am married to Judith Greenberg (we married in June 1996) and we live in White Plains, N.Y., with our 2-year-old son, Joseph. I am assistant executive vice president of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the overseas humanitarian relief agency of the U.S. Jewish community. I handle issues of compensation for Holocaust survivors and restitution of Jewish property in central and eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union."

Jennifer Bensko wrote to say: "I am the editor of Fortune.com, *Fortune* magazine's Web site. Before that, I was at *Newsweek* for about 10 years. At *Newsweek*, I was the senior editor of the Web site and a technology writer and reporter for the magazine. I am engaged to Alex Ha, the managing art director at *Newsweek*. We live in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, with two overfed but constantly 'hungry' cats."

Donna Pacicca sent news from Boston: "I'm on maternity leave after Dominic Giovanni was born on January 31, weighing 7½ lbs and measuring 20 inches. The name Dominic is not after husband Dom '84E but after his grandfather, as Giovanni is after mine. We now have two boys; our older son, Dante, is 3. We had a great time tailgating at Homecoming, although it was a far cry from memories of hanging with **Bill Flick** on the Low steps. I'm still doing pediatric orthopaedics at Boston Medical Center and keeping busy in the lab as well."

Chris Lasch wrote: "After graduating, I went to work for the Elias Sports Bureau, where I was a computer programmer for about six years. Then I went to law school, graduating from Yale in '96. I then became a public defender in Louisville, Ky., ultimately becoming a member of the capital trial unit, until my involvement with unionizing attorneys led to an early resignation (if you know what I mean!).

"Since January 2000, I have been in private practice. My law firm (Goodwin & Lasch) focuses principally on criminal defense and civil rights practice. In December 2001, we won a $30,000 jury verdict after we proved that two police officers used used excessive force against our client. We are involved in lawsuits involving racial profiling, denial of medical care to prisoners and correctional officer brutality. While this is difficult work, we find it very rewarding.

"My wife, Elizabeth Stovall, also is an attorney, representing inmates on Kentucky's death row. She has a 10-year-old daughter, Grace, and together we have an 18-month-old son, Rain."

From **David Eisenman**: "My wife, Mindy '90 Barnard, and our three boys — Judah, Rami and Eli— moved to the Washington, D.C., area a year and a half ago after living in Ann Arbor, Mich., for two years while I completed my fellowship. I am chief of otology and neurotology at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center. In July, I will be leaving Walter Reed and joining

CCW Honors Carolina Gonzalez '87

Carolina Gonzalez '87, only the second Hispanic to be named to the editorial board of *The New York Daily News*, was honored with the 11th annual Columbia College Women Alumna Achievement Award at a Lerner Hall reception on March 13.

Gonzalez has covered education, immigration and Brooklyn community news for the *Daily News* for the past five years. She holds a master's in comparative literature from UC Berkeley, and among her academic honors are grants from the University of California, the Mellon Foundation and a Fulbright. She has served as a regional director for the National Association of Hispanic Journalists and is the organization's representative on the Accrediting Council for post-secondary journalism programs. She also is on the advisory committee for Dominicans 2000, a community-based organization researching the Dominican community in the United States.

Speaking of her decision to attend Columbia, Gonzalez said, "The school was infused with a tradition that I wanted a piece of, but my research was incomplete. On the first day of classes, I saw all these TV cameras on campus and I didn't know why. Then a reporter came up and asked, 'How does it feel to be part of the first class of women at Columbia?' I had no idea!"

Carolina Gonzalez '87, *who sits on the editorial board of* The New York Daily News, *was a member of the first Columbia College class to admit women.*
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Gonzalez credits the breadth of her Columbia education with helping to prepare her for her career as a journalist and enabling her to make the most of opportunities along the way. "The experience at Columbia set the tone for what I've tried to do for the rest of my life," she said. "That is, make sure I am prepared, no, over-prepared, to take advantage of the gifts we get through serendipity."

The keynote speaker at the CCW reception was Patricia Ireland, who served for 10 years as president of the National Organization for Women. She now is a lawyer in Washington, D.C., and consults on equal opportunity and communication strategies and advises clients on how to avoid the high costs of discrimination and harassment in the workplace.

Ireland stressed the changes that have been made on behalf of women in society across the past two decades and the need to be continually vigilant. "We changed the language, we changed the culture, we changed the world — and we changed Columbia College," she said, drawing a laugh from the audience of more than 100. "We've made tremendous progress. But progress is not equality, progress is not irreversible, and progress is not inevitable."

Founded in 1989, CCW is an organization of students, alumnae, faculty and administrators dedicated to furthering professional and personal opportunities for the growing community of women associated with Columbia College.

A special presentation was made to **Jerry Sherwin '55**, outgoing president of the Columbia College Alumni Association, for his support of CCW over the years.

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Keynote speaker* Patricia Ireland *(right), former president of the National Organization for Women, was introduced by CCW Executive Committee member* Patricia Ireland '92, *no relation.
PHOTO: CHRIS TAGGART

the Washington ENT Group as the sole ear specialist in a group of five ENT physicians in D.C."

Greg Fondran is living in Slovenia this school year as a graduate exchange student at the University of Ljubljana. "My degree, hopefully soon, will be an M.A. in communication from the University of Oklahoma. In addition to studying, I'm chasing down my family roots, as my mother is of Slovenian descent (Slovenia was part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire at the time her grandparents immigrated). I left the Coast Guard last June after about 11 years." His last job was as a public affairs officer for the Coast Guard in Hawaii. He said he "liked it so much (public relations, not just Hawaii!) that I intend to get a 'real' job in public relations when I get back to the states this summer.

"I will be coaching football this fall at Harvard Westlake School in Los Angeles with **Greg Gonzalez,** and I'm looking forward to building a powerhouse football program there with him as head coach."

Christine (Jamgochian) Koobatian notes: "After nine years with Procter and Gamble and three years with Kraft Foods in brand management, I have decided to put my career on hold for a few years to focus on raising my two children. Daniel is 2½ and can sing 'Roar Lion Roar' from beginning to end. My daughter, Nina, just turned 1 and keeps me on my toes.

"We recently had a mini-reunion at our house in Connecticut. Kerry (Russell) Hutson '87E and Dan Hutson '87E brought their three sons, Paul (15), Christopher (7) and Kieran (5). Dan designs satellite communications systems for Boeing in D.C., and Kerry does PC training. By the way, Dan and Kerry are my son Daniel's godparents! **Lauren Alter Baumann** came with her husband, Philippe, and 1-year-old daughter, Amelia, who is bilingual (French and English). Lauren is an attorney on Wall Street. **Michelle Estilo Kaiser** attended with her husband, Michael, and their two adorable daughters Nicole (4) and Cindy (2). Michelle practices internal medicine at Columbia Presbyterian. **Donna Pacicca** and her husband, Dominic DeCicco '84E, came with their son, Dante. It was fun to get together, although the kids are now outnumbering the parents!"

I received an e-mail from **Gwendolyn Smith Dunaif**: "I am the president of the Foundation for Ethnic Dance, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the research and preservation of indigenous dances from around the world. As part of an initiative to provide expert instruction to a new generation of dancers, we will launch an *Escuela Bolera* (classical Spanish dance) program for 8–12 year olds. The class is scheduled to start in September at a studio in Brooklyn. I am also the mother of Anya (4½) and Griffin (10 months).

Susan Kraham, my neighbor on Carman 5, wrote: "This is my first alumni-related communication since graduation! In the years that have passed, I have completed a master's in urban planning at NYU, my law degree at Columbia, and, after clerking and fellowships, am a clinical professor in environmental and land use law at Rutgers. I am married to a wonderful man, Adam, and have two boys."

Tom Duval sent an update to his last Class Notes entry: "It looks like I will be recording and co-producing (and playing guitar and singing on) the next album to be made by legendary singer-songwriter Jack Hardy. We'll be recording at least pre-production versions of the songs, if not the finished product, at my studio in Westborough, Mass."

From Israel, **Alissa Burstein** writes: "I am senior editor for the Global Development Division (that's a euphemism for fundraising!) at Bar-Ilan University in Israel. Anyone who'd like to be in touch with me is welcome! I live in Raanana with my husband, Itzik, and kids."

Descartes Li and his wife, Leah Karliner M.D. '88, now have two children, Pearl (5) and Isaac (1). Descartes is assistant professor in psychiatry at UC San Francisco. Leah will start a fellowship in clinical research, also at UCSF, in July.

Margaret McCarthy wrote: "I continue to live in Ithaca, N.Y., with my partner, Kate Chason, and our two children, Hannah (7) and Rebecca (3). I am the city prosecutor, and am also on the board of a local drug treatment agency, Cornerstone Recovery Services. Raising our children is a wonderful experience. Hannah is learning to read and loves math. Rebecca is full of wonder and trying to learn how the world works. I am taking a class at Cornell to see if I want to go back to graduate school. I also started interviewing applicants to Columbia through the ARC program this year."

Peter Parlow graduated from Nova Southeastern Law School in May 1995 and was admitted to the Florida Bar and Massachusetts Bar in June 1997. He was married in April 1997 and has two daughters, Kirsten (2) and Katelyn (eight months). Peter lives in Merrimack, N.H., and has a law practice in Lowell, Mass., concentrating in criminal defense, real estate, with an emphasis in landlord-tenant and family law.

Arthur Small writes: "Believe it or not, I'm back at Columbia, as assistant professor at SIPA in a joint appointment with the Columbia Earth Institute. I teach and do research in environmental economics and environmental finance. There is an emerging group of faculty and students at Columbia focused on integrating natural and social sciences to address real-world environmental problems. It's very fun and satisfying to Be a Part of It, back in New York, New York.

"Dawn Amsberry and I married while I was pursuing my Ph.D. in agricultural and resource economics at Berkeley. Our daughter Zoe is 3."

Jon Nelson sent in the following news: "**Chris Noble**'s wife, Susannah Patton, gave birth to their second child, Thomas. Chris now has two children; his older son, Sam, is 4. Chris works for Reuters in Boston covering the mutual fund industry and general news for New England. He was in Paris for several years working for Reuters and came back to the States a year or so ago. His wife also is a journalist; they met while attending the Journalism School.

"**Paul Verna** moved to Kennebunk, Maine, with his wife, Ellen Dooley, and their 15-month-old daughter, Lily. Paul worked for *Billboard* magazine as a columnist in the field of professional audio recording equipment (pro audio) for several years, but has decided to pursue a career as a music producer. He is setting up his own recording studio in Maine and already has produced one album for Drew Weaver and the Alvarados, *El Mirage*. Ellen is a freelance photographer."

Ralph Falzone wrote: "After 12 years in the private sector, I'm turning a new leaf in my career and have joined the federal government, U.S. Department of State, Foreign Service. I've always wanted to spend part of my career living and working overseas and seeing how the other half lives, and this is a great way to do it … courtesy of Uncle Sam."

Nicole Belson Goluboff wrote: "I published my second book, *The Law of Telecommuting* (American Law Institute-American Bar Association Committee on Continuing Professional Education 2001), which addresses the legal implications of telecommuting for businesses and their employees. I'm hopeful that, with the increasing interest in telework (both before and after September 11), business lawyers, corporate general counsel, CEOs and human resource managers can use the book to develop profitable and legally sound telework programs."

Luis Duany is living happily in Puerto Rico with his wife, Sonia, and his 2-year-old son, Guillermo. He is teaching at his former high school, Colegio San Ignacio, where he heads the math department.

Christina Musrey wrote "from Los Angeles where I have lived since graduating. I am directing another episode of *The Practice*, where I also serve as the supervising producer. My husband and I spend time with **Juliet (Nezhad) Seymour** and her husband and two children. We recently became godparents to her second son, William."

Gabriel Kaplan sent this note, which warmed my heart: "I have yet to send any significant news in for my classmates at Columbia College and doubted I ever would do something like this, but your e-mail goaded me into it so here goes. I am graduating from Harvard with my Ph.D. in public policy in June." I hope more news follows!

Paul Schimek wrote: "After a brief stint in the software industry, I am back in the transport biz. I am the bicycle program manager for the City of Boston, which means I get to talk about bikes most of the day. I also do neighborhood and public transit planning. I'd be happy to hear from other CC alums: schimek@alum.mit.edu."

Macky Alston (Wallace Alston on the diploma) sent an e-mail: "I am a documentary filmmaker in NYC and have a new film coming out on HBO and Cinemax in June, *Questioning Faith*, about what happens to people's religious convictions when crisis strikes in their lives."

In other film news, **Laurie Gershon** tells us: "I produced a short film, *Laurie Anderson — Life on a String*, which was shown at the Berlin International Film Festival. The short opened for the new Wim Wenders' rock documentary, *Ode to Cologne*. It was one of four American shorts to be shown in the competition category. I had a great time in Berlin, though it is a very strange city."

Richard Simonds wrote: "Our third child, Henry Spencer Simonds, was born on the palindromic date of February 20, 2002 (palindromic if you put the date before the month, making it 20 02 2002). Mom and baby are doing fine. This gives us three boys, Ricky, Charles and Henry. We're still up in Scarsdale, and we just registered Ricky for kindergarten starting in the fall. I'm still an associate in the structured finance department of Thacher Proffitt & Wood. Our firm has moved to West 43rd Street, right across from the Columbia Club, which I joined — it's an excellent place to take people for

lunch. We've pretty much fully recovered from the destruction of our offices in the World Trade Center, Tower Two, on 9/11."

Suze Kim Villano sent this e-mail: "Since I have never contributed to our class notes, I guess now is a good time. I have been living just outside Boulder for the past five years, but have been following my husband, Michael, around the country since graduation. My daughter, Marisa, was born in Brooklyn, after which we moved to Long Island. My son Michael was born in Irvine, Calif., and the following month we moved to Minneapolis. My son Tony was born in Danbury, Conn. And a month before my son Rocky was born, we moved out to the foothills of the Rockies. I have been teaching music and movement classes for kids at the local children's museum and performing with the a cappella choir Ars Nova Singers of Boulder. You also can find some of our CDs by searching on amazon.com under Bill Douglas. For even more fun, I have been teaching kids how to edit videos, and I have been studying aerial dance on a trapeze and fabric.

"I love living out here (even though I spent most of my morning shoveling out from a foot of snow), and we are now in the process of finishing our basement, so I think we'll stay put for a while."

Lance Hosey, who is an architect in Charlottesville, Va., received a grant from Chicago's Graham Foundation for travel and research in Barcelona.

Alix Gitelman wrote: "I haven't chimed in since 1987, so I thought I'd send a hello from Corvallis, Ore. I try to enjoy the great outdoors as much as possible, despite the rain, and when I'm not doing that, I'm working at Oregon State University on some cool projects in agricultural, environmental and educational statistics."

Kurt Gantrish reports, "My wife, Jennifer, and I had our fourth boy, Nolan Kurt, on January 17. He was 7 lbs, 11 oz. His brothers are Keegan (9), Liam (7) and Benjamin (3). We live in Hanover, N.H., and I work at Red River Computer as a sales manager. We sell computer products and services to the federal government."

Philip Gold says: "I have been married for 4½ years to Caryn. We have two sons, Adam (3) and Ethan (1). I am a medical oncologist and the program leader for the gastrointestinal oncology group at the Swedish Cancer Institute in Seattle."

Dan Koller reports, "I am a member of the development group at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Charlottesville, Va. As I'm doing mostly electrical engineering now (having done pure physics all of my career), I'm pursuing a masters in EE for the fun of it. Charlottesville is a great place, so I bought a house and am settling here." Dan added that **Steve Bloom** is a professor at Hampden-Sidney College in Farmville, Va., just down the road.

I am so happy to be able to convey all this great news, but please, please, please, keep the e-mails coming!

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I was thinking about the beauty of success and all the various and sundry ways to define that simple word. Money. A prestigious job. Philanthropic endeavors. That manse in Connecticut. A pair of daughters. Being able to jog up the Pacific Coast each morning. Good looks. Charm. A witty turn of phrase. Is any one a more valid indicator of success than the others? Who can say?

That's why when **Rob Maschio**, late of the Lion diamond (and abortively of the gridiron), sent word that after years of down and dirty NYC theater and comedy, he had landed the role of surgery resident High Five Todd on the sitcom *Scrubs*, I smiled. It was his letter, the way the words stood next to each other, the punctuation, the way it all leapt off the page. It was something more than a coveted job on a network TV show, or fame, fortune, sunglasses, autographs. It was joy.

I think of Columbia, and I get that same feeling. And I hope, very, very much, that all of you feel the same way. Because in some way, small or large, intrinsically, Camp Columbia is for us all part of the reason for the money, and the jobs, and the Connecticut manse, the children, and (well, not necessarily the Pacific Coast), but the knowledge that comes from being ready and able to take pleasure from the world around you.

And if that isn't the best measure of success, then I can't for the life of me tell you what is.

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Boy, do I have a treat for you. In fact, I have three treats: the ever-charming **Sarah Dunn,** the ever-intriguing **Peter Ginsburg** and the ever-mystifying **Andrew Friedman**. All are up to wonderfully creative endeavors. What a delight to have heard back from the three. The word "desperate," albeit used selectively, can be very powerful. Of late, I frequently find myself in a groveling position, as I usually don't begin writing the class notes until the day or so prior to the deadline. Usually, I already have a few tasty morsels that you have sent me, but with the stepped up-publishing schedule of *CCT*, now coming out every two months, sometimes I'm left high and dry. So much thanks to the above and below noted crew who responded to my desperate plea in record time. And to those of you who ignored my request for an update, I harbor no ill will but instead anxiously and graciously await arrival of your e-mail or phone call.

Now let's get on with the show. **Andrew Friedman**, a Columbian near and dear to my heart owing to our common birthplace of Miami, replies to my e-mail with: "You mean you don't already know what I'm up to? I'm sure that our classmates are well aware of my professional exploits, since they've been described in cover stories in *Time* and *GQ*. And you must have seen the coverage of my around-the-world hot air balloon tour on the Discovery Channel. Or my pre-Oscars fashion report on the E! network. Or the new magazine about me, 'A.' No? None of it? Where have you been?"

But seriously, as he notes, Andrew is married to the "lovely and talented" Caitlin Connelly, "adorable native" of Amherst, Mass. They live on West 82nd Street in New York City, with no kids "yet." They have a miniature Australian shepherd, Indy. After five years in the film business and four in public relations, Andrew has settled into a "fun and occasionally rewarding" career as a food writer, collaborating on cookbooks with chefs and restaurateurs such as Alfred Portale of Gotham Bar and Grill, Pino Luongo of Le Madri and Coco Pazzo, and *New York* magazine cover boy Tom Valenti of Ouest. Andrew is pleased to report to any old College pals that, if nothing else, he has realized his childhood dream of being able to score a table at any restaurant in town.

Andrew's days are spent writing, punctuated by visits to the dog run behind the Museum of Natural History, Crunch Fitness on 83rd Street and Fairway Market, where he usually ends up in a verbal bout of some kind with either a surly employee or a haughty Ansonia-dweller. But they have great meats and cheese, so it's all worth it, claims Andrew. In his free time, Andrew still is trying to write the Great American Novel, or maybe just a Sellable American Novel. He also plays as much tennis as humanly possible, often at the public courts near our old school at 120th Street in Riverside Park. He usually meets his opponents at the top of the steps from the 116th Street subway station, right in front of the main gates to Columbia. Andrew, who has become "something of a (tennis) junkie," has been taking a weekly lesson for almost three years. He claims to have a decent game and is always looking to hit, so get in touch with him (e-mail: andrewf@bway.net) if you're in the mood for tennis.

I'd like to thank Andrew for his wonderful prose, as I pretty much did the old copy-paste from his e-mail. Many moons ago, Andrew was a proud member of the Varsity Show cast (1989 edition), director of *Play It Again, Sam* and other Courtier productions and a film critic for *Spectator*. As Andrew had not written all this College stuff down since he applied for his first job in 1989 (indeed, I did ask for it), he can't say for sure if it's fully accurate, but he "thinks it all really happened."

You may remember **Peter Ginsburg** as an English major, member of Phi Epsilon Pi and dedicated employee of WKCR during his first and second years. Additionally, he did color analysis on men's basketball and football and studied in London. As I pestered Peter quite a bit (I believe his exact quote was "now stop stalking me, or I'll call my lawyer" in e-mail three, which followed his "you're killing people, but I'll give it a shot" in e-mail two when I requested additional detail from his first e-mail), I told him he had license to ignore subsequent e-mails from me. Anyway, Peter effectively summed up 13 years in a few paragraphs. After graduation, he worked in advertising for three years, where he met his wife, Helene. In September 1999, Helene and Peter had their first child, Adam. Helene is a consultant at Gundersen Partners, an executive search firm in NYC. The family lives in Eastchester, N.Y.

Following his stint in advertising, Peter got a master's at the Annenberg School for Communication at Penn. Late in 1994, he started working in television production for CBS Sports, where he stayed until 1997. Since that time, he has been a staff writer at NBA Entertainment, writing on-air scripts for *NBA Inside Stuff*, a weekly show that airs on NBC on Saturdays and ESPN during the week. Aimed at a younger audience, the show focuses on the off-the-court lives of NBA players and

is hosted by Ahmad Rashad and Summer Sanders. Peter writes all of Ahmad and Summer's on-camera copy, now more than 250 shows. He has worked with a number of NBA players who have come on the set, but the most fun he had was being involved in a shoot with Shaquille O'Neal in the Lakers star's Beverly Hills kitchen.

Again, attention young Columbians interested in TV. Peter got into sports TV by default, he claims. During grad school, he interned at the Children's Television Workshop, and after school, attempted to get into kids TV (Nickelodeon, Henson Productions and the like) but couldn't find a job. So, rather than temp, he pursued another area of interest that he knew something about: sports. He started out at the bottom of the ladder at CBS as a researcher who was called upon to do just about anything to help a production. He was then promoted to broadcast associate, responsible for on-air graphics. After traveling the country for a year (every weekend!), he fell into script writing by chance. The full-time writer left CBS after the network lost the NFL, and they needed someone to write studio shows for host Pat O'Brien. Peter asked the coordinating producer if he could submit a test script; he submitted the script on a Monday, and by Wednesday, Peter was writing Saturday's show.

He wrote a few shows for CBS at that time, and after leaving the network he freelanced, writing for NCAA Basketball *At the Half*, *College Football Today* and the U.S. Open. Peter notes that it was great working the Final Four during those years, and also working some big college football games. But the highlight of his CBS experience was writing the Late Night show for hosts Al Trautwig and Michele Tafoya during the 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano: "A lot of work, not a lot of sleep, but a very rewarding experience."

Last, but not least, is an update from the lovely **Sarah Dunn**. Two years ago, she started an architecture firm in Chicago with Martin Felsen, her boyfriend, who she met at the School of Architecture, after working with Rem Koolhaas/OMA in Rotterdam. They are working on several mixed-use, residential and exhibition projects. Having almost given up on developers, they've also started developing and contracting their projects. Additionally, Sarah is teaching at a design studio at the University of Illinois at Chicago. She claims to really miss NYC, and she keeps threatening to visit **Ashima Dayal** and take up residence in her spare bedroom. Sarah regrets having missed a Junior Studio reunion with **Jon Sturt, Anita Lin**, Tina Hatchl '88 Barnard, Ann Goldhirsch '89 Barnard and Amy Routman '89 Barnard, though she promises she will get back soon.

On a final note, classmates, writing this column, while one of the activities in which I take greatest pride, is not a bed of roses! I need your assistance. Please send in your updates, thereby assisting me in striking the word "desperate" from my vocabulary. Until the summer, yours truly, Amy.

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Last column's word association might have been too obscure for some of you, so this time, I'm picking a really easy one for you: The Little Mermaid. If you need a hint — because there is only one right answer to this — visit NPR's *This American Life* Web site. Go to www.thislife.org, click on "02" in the left column, then click on "Recordings for Someone, January 11, 2002, Episode 203." The segment comes in at the end of the show, so to save time you can just jump straight to minute 42, which is about when the segment begins. Thanks go to **Joel Tranter** and **Caryn Shalita** for letting me know the legend lives on. In fact, Caryn and her husband, Rich Yaker '90E, put together a Web site so that all our Columbia classmates could have a fun place to relive mermaid memories and drop each other a line: www.caryn.com/littlemermaid.

Regina Ciccone MacAdam, who graduated from the Law School in '93, moved with her husband, Stephen, to her hometown of Rochester, N.Y., a few years ago. Stephen is an assistant principal at a middle school and a volunteer firefighter, and Regina is a health care attorney at Nixon Peabody LLP. She's on maternity leave as of this writing because on November 24, 2001, she gave birth to their first child, Margaret Aurora MacAdam. Margaret is named after both her grandmothers and is called Maggie. She is the first grandchild on one side and the second grandchild (but first granddaughter) on the other, and is adored by all.

Marian Wright gave birth to her first child on January 25, 2001. Cole Hunter Harris Boester is walking and talking and entertaining his parents to no end. Marian and her husband, Greg Boester, recently bought a house in Rye, N.Y., and will be leaving the city after 12 years. Marian left her management consultant job in strategy in April to take care of Cole and to focus on her love of writing. She has taken several classes and has published a few travel pieces.

Marian has been in touch with a crowd of folks who live in California. **Gabriel Kra** is doing well in Palo Alto. **Anne Hayes** (attorney) and her husband, Theo Hartman (architect who left after freshman year), live in Oakland. **Jeff Rake** and **Paulette Light** live in Hollywood and have two young children. Jeff was head writer for the short-lived Darren Starr series *The $treet*. Many people remember Beta brother Ted Acworth '90E who, although an engineer, managed to make many CC friends. He received his Ph.D. from Stanford two years ago and has been traveling the world ever since with his gal, Lisa, and sending e-mails with photos from all points of the globe.

It was great to get a long e-mail from **Emily Baldwin Augustine,** and I quote her directly: "After living in NYC more or less since graduation (with brief interludes in L.A. and Santa Cruz, Calif.) I have recently moved to N.H. (my home state) and bought a country inn with my husband, John. John and I spent the last year on a personal sabbatical, and spent two months in Colorado and then spent four months this summer hiking 1,600 miles of the Appalachian Trail (from Virginia to Maine). Our time 'off' helped us to re-evaluate our priorities, and with my travel and hospitality background and his business experience, we decided that buying an inn would be an ideal situation! Our inn is Dexter's Inn and is in Sunapee, N.H. — 90 minutes from Boston and 4½ hours from NYC. We opened in January, and so far I am enjoying the life of an innkeeper, although it is not as easy as Bob Newhart made it look. We are attracting lots of skiers, but hope to hold family reunions, weddings and corporate retreats here in the summer months. I would love to welcome any of my Columbia classmates. Log on to our Web site(www.dextersnh.com) to check us out, or e-mail us at dexters@tds.net."

Melissa Landau Steinman reports, "My husband, Bill, and I are pleased to announce the birth of our second child, James (Jamie) Herbert Landau Steinman, on January 10, 2002. Big brother Charlie, now 3½, is pleased as punch and has yet to ask to 'send him back.' I'm on maternity leave from the Venable law firm in Washington, D.C., where I have been practicing antitrust and trade regulation law for the past eight (can it be?) years, and still living in suburban bliss in Chevy Chase, Md."

David Mandell is alive and well. He and his wife, Jamie, whom he married in May 2001, are at Penn and living in West Philadelphia in an old house they bought. He's finishing up a postdoctoral fellowship in the department of psychiatry where he's been studying children's public mental health services.

And I have saved my most exciting news for last. I am thrilled beyond words to announce that **Judy Shampanier** had a girl on January 18, 2002. Anna Elizabeth Shampanier Bowen is the apple of her parents' eyes and is guaranteed to be spoiled rotten by her godmother, yours truly. Judy mentions that Anna's favorite toy is a slightly sinister-looking bumblebee sent by Meghan and **Isaac Astrachan**.

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Oh, this March was roaring like a weird angry lion, a strange beast craving class correspondence, or at least a half-baked haiku. If you don't write soon, the starving animal could burst through the bars and devour one of the editors, gentle readers. And no one would want that to happen. So please, continue to write. It will be like an 11-year confession that someone probably will want to hear. And maybe it will turn into a heart-warming TV movie that will have an all-too-true lesson for all of us at the end.

Lots of odds and ends this issue. First, the incredibly hard-working and mega-powerful lawyer **Steve Weinstein** had my eyes falling out of their sockets when he wrote to say that he and his lovely wife, Anne, are packing their bags and heading to a new life in Bermuda. It sounded like a wacky prank to me. And then I looked at the Knicks' record, shook my head and understood what this is really all about. Steve says, "Anne and I are packing up our golf clubs, tennis rackets and 'how to sail' books and moving to Bermuda, where I am taking a new job as general counsel of my most significant client, RenaissanceRe Holdings Ltd. RenRe is the largest (and most profitable) provider of property catastrophe reinsurance in the world, and probably has the nicest office — directly on the harbour in Hamilton." (Steve's already using those extra Us.) Steve adds, "This experiment abroad will not work unless we receive visits, particularly from the Columbia crowd, and we hope that you'll plan on

stopping by early and often." I like my pillows nice and fluffy, Steve. His e-mail for your reservations (I have all of November and December, folks) is shw17@columbia.edu.

Jo-Ellen Truelove wrote to say that she went positively bonkers when she turned on NPR's *This American Life* in January and heard the wonderful piece about Fred '90 and **Evan Schultz**'s voicemail message from their mother, which quickly spread through the ROLM system like a sick and powerful virus when we were undergraduates. She writes that hearing the Little Mermaid story once again "brought me back to the unique joy of Columbia ROLM." Ah, it is indeed an American life, Jo-Ellen, who is "living in Baltimore with my fab husband, two great kids and a swell job as an English teacher in a public high school." What would Evan's mom say? *[Editor's note: For more, see the Class of '90 notes.]*

David Markowitz is a "vascular/interventional radiologist, which is a physician who uses radiology equipment (X-rays, cat scans, ultrasounds, MRIs) to perform minimally invasive surgeries through holes the size of a needle." So, at least someone has been busy during the past 10 years or so. David has a practice in South Florida and lives in Boca Raton with his wife, Sara Levine, an internist and a pediatrician. They have two kids, Mollie (6) and Moses (4). When I read e-mails such as David's, I wonder if my wild life with my houseplants is all that it's cracked up to be.

Lee Benaka, the master of all ceremonies that are good, sends in another cool missive from Washington, D.C., noting that his son, Isaac, recently celebrated his third birthday while his 16-month-old daughter, Dinah, was baptized in early March. "They are a lot of fun still and enjoy each other's company, except when one of them bites the other." Lee adds: "We sadly moved out of our house in November because high levels of arsenic were found in the soil in our yard. The arsenic dates back to chemical weapons testing that occurred at American University during World War I. None of us have suffered any ill health effects (as far as we can tell), thankfully. My wife, Danielle '91 Barnard, has appeared in two sensationalistic stories on the local Fox news station ("They didn't know that the yard their children played in was poisoned!)."

Did I mention that Lee is the best? And his fascination with professional wrestling continues. His Henry Evans interviews have found a nice Internet home at www.deathvalleydriver.com. Lee also writes that **George Abney** "still works for the U.S. Department of Justice and travels to Atlanta, Miami and Houston for work. He claims the Houston trip had nothing to do with Enron, but I am suspicious."

Mignon R. Moore '92 ***was honored at the 17th annual Black Alumni Reception on February 6 in the Low Library Rotunda, one of a series of events that marked Black Heritage Month. An assistant professor of sociology and director of the undergraduate program in African-American studies, Moore is the first black College alumna to be hired as faculty at the University.***

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Liz Porter gets the last word with her e-mail in which she informs us that she won the moot court client counseling competition at the University of Miami law school with her partner, Vincent Trimarco. She expects to graduate from the Evening Division in December. While not busy interviewing prospective Columbia students for the admissions department, Liz has a full-time job selling advertising for *The Miami Herald/El Nuevo Herald*. She would love to get in touch with **Augustine Flores** and **Benjamin Hein.** Wouldn't we all?

Well, that's it for another strange episode of *This Is Your Life*. Keep those scripts and treatments coming. And have a good spring! I love you all.

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This may be a first. I don't think I've ever written a column where most of my correspondents are taller than I. Yet, oddly enough, between **Michael Fisher, Kiernan O'Connor** and Tom Casey '93, even I feel a little small this time.

I was pleased to get a phone call from Michael on February 26, reporting the birth of his second child, Zachary, one day earlier. Zachary will undoubtedly keep his older sister Zoe, Michael and his wife, Lynn, busy in the next few months.

Kiernan e-mailed to touch base after a busy six months. In that time, he got married, moved out of New York and started a new career. On June 2, 2001, he married Jacqueline Castillo in New Haven, Conn. A bevy of Columbians were in attendance including **Frank Cicero;** Jim Daine '93; Bob Walcott '93, '93E with his wife, Farzana Lukmanji '94 Barnard; Steve Abbattista '92E and his wife, Dr. Maria Abbattista (Hermann) '91; and Nicole Horne '94. Kiernan explained that Bob and **Clare Kent (Deegan)** were unable to attend, due to Bob's commitment to the Air Force. Kiernan did pass along their good news, however — the Kents' third daughter, Finna Anne, was born in Germany at the end of last year, and "judging by photos, she is another healthy Kent baby!"

Kiernan and his wife moved to Virginia and bought their first home in Warrenton, a quaint town in one of the last rural parts of Northern Virginia. He has since started a financial planning practice with American Express Financial Advisors.

As for Tom Casey, he, my brother Doug '95, my girlfriend Elizabeth and I all had a nice dinner at Della Piena on the Upper East Side in early March. Tom, who lives in Manhattan and works for Morgan Stanley, said that he was still in touch with many of the Columbia basketball players from our and the surrounding classes, including J.J. Waterer '94, Yon Okorodudu '93, Mark Dumolien '93 and Russell Steward '92E.

I also heard from Dr. **Sandy Lora Cremers**, who started with us in the Class of 1992 but graduated early. Without question, she says, she is a "Class of 1992 at heart," and for the same reason that we will always treat folks like **James Woody III** in our class, her news fits nicely here, too. Sandy is board certified in ophthalmology and is an attending surgeon at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary and Harvard Medical School. She loves her position immensely and enjoys teaching the medical students and residents everything she can about eye surgery. Sandy married Jan-Hein Cremers on January 2, 1999. He is finishing his Ph.D. in physics at Harvard and will be venturing further into physics (or finance?). Sandy is a mother of two sons, Lucas, born on February 4, 2000, and Jacob, born on November 4, 2001.

That's all for now. Be well, and keep writing.

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Greetings fellow thirtysomethings. Newshound turned lawyer **David Shimkin** moved from his job as an assistant district attorney in the Bronx, where he worked in the narcotics division, to Martin, Clearwater & Bell, an insurance defense and medical malpractice firm.

Jessica Grace Broadwell, who now uses her married name, Hamilton, has spent every day since Halloween trying to convince Sophie, her 3-year-old daughter, not to wear her Dorothy costume. Jessica's son, Micah, who is 1, reportedly is not as obsessed with his Cowardly Lion costume. Sophie, I'm told, can't wait to return to Cincinnati, where the Broadwells lived for a year, to visit with her godmother, **Mercedes Falciglia**.

That's all I have for now. Don't make me compare Miami to Manhattan again. Send material soon.

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Ocean MacAdams was married last June to Suzanne Petren-Moritz. The wedding took place in Northern California and was attended by a slew of Columbia alumni, including **Imara Jones**, **Rebecca Castillo**, George Kolombatovich '93 and Karl '92 and Wanda Cole-Frieman '94 Barnard. The couple, Ocean writes, is doing

Adlar Garcia '95 ***(right) was presented with a leadership recognition award at the third annual El Regreso, the Latino Alumni Homecoming, which drew more than 350 people to Low Library Rotunda on March 9. Garcia, pictured with CC Alumni Association President*** **Jerry Sherwin '55,** ***was honored for his service as a founder and president of the Latino Alumni Association of Columbia University.***

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great. Ocean is the managing editor of *MTV News* and Suzanne, who recently graduated from business school, works at Bain Consulting. They live in Brooklyn.

Brian Presti wrote excitedly of the birth of his first child. Brian and his wife, Alicia, welcomed Lillie Mae on February 1. **Sanjiv Jhaveri** writes that a science fiction short film he worked on last fall was scheduled to air on the Sci Fi channel's program *Exposure* in January and March.

Thanks to everyone who wrote in. As *CCT* comes to your mailboxes more frequently, it also means room for more class notes. So please keep those updates coming!

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Congratulations to **Stephen Eckert**, who married Jade Polizzi last spring in New Orleans. In a truly Columbia wedding, **Keith Crockett** served as best man and **David Kamper**, Tarik Abdul-Wahid '96 (who started with our class), Dave Byron '94E and Tom Greenaway '96 came to help celebrate. The couple lives in Boulder, where Stephen is an associate at Wolff-Lyon Architects. He's studying for his architecture license exam and designing low-income housing in Colorado. Thanks to Stephen for the update on David, Keith and Tarik. David lives in Austin and is finishing his Ph.D. in anthropology from UCLA; he's married, and his wife is an English professor at the University of Texas-Austin. Tarik got married in October in L.A. and works in the film industry there. After finishing his M.B.A. at Columbia, Keith lives in London and works in the transport sector at UBS Warburg.

More art news from **Mala Iqbal**, who will have a solo show at the Richard Heller Gallery in Santa Monica in June. "I don't know a soul in L.A., so if there are any Columbia alums out there who have an interest in contemporary art, I'm hoping they'll come to the opening or see the show," Mala writes. Contact Mala at mala150@earthlink.net.

David Webber will graduate from NYU Law this month, then he'll clerk for federal Judge Harold Ackerman in the District of New Jersey. David is finishing up a novel, which he's workshopping at the 92nd Street Y and in a seminar at the Law School. He spent a weekend with **Thaddeus Tracy** and his wife, Michele, '94 Barnard. Thad's a second-year lawyer at Davis, Polk and Wardwell. Gabe Stadecker '96 was there with his fiancée, Kathy Ellis '96. Gabe is graduating this fall with a degree in architecture from the Harvard Graduate School of Design and Kathy's a first year at Columbia Law, Dave reports.

As of September, **Kimberly Benson** is teaching English at Ridgefield, Conn., public schools and living in Redding, Conn. She and her husband, Charles, are the doting parents of a miniature dachshund, inherited from Charles' grandmother. "I consider it a family trust," she writes. Contact Kimberly at kkbenson@yahoo.com.

I caught up with Jenny Hoffman '93 this spring in Rome, where she's living la dolce vita. Jenny moved to Italy after graduation and has been living there since; she now works as a consultant for Ernst and Young in the risk management division. During her time in Italy, Jenny's earned an M.B.A. and married Fabio Raineri (in August 1998). She's at jennifer.hoffman@it.eyi.com and likes hearing from Columbia visitors to Rome.

That's all for now. Please keep the news coming.

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Thanks to **Omar Sayed** for compiling your reunion questionnaires. I received an overwhelming amount of news to share. Thank you for sharing your information, folks. Makes my job a lot easier.

Let's begin with our Ph.D. candidates. **Samuel Shanks** is working on a Ph.D. in theater at the CUNY Graduate Center, **Dorota Ostrowska** is finishing her Ph.D. at Oxford in French literature and cinema, **Amber Seligson** is a doctoral candidate in political science at Cornell and a fellow at Princeton's Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, **Marcel Agueros** is in graduate school in Seattle and **Joanna Giuttari** is Gilleece Fellow in the department of comparative literature at the CUNY Graduate Center.

Our budding businesspeople include **Tina Hsiao,** who graduated from Harvard Business School last year and is working in the Bay Area for Intuit; **Moha Desai**, who is in business school at Yale; and **Terrence Jenkins**, who is a second-year M.B.A. student at Stanford. After spending four years working in investment banking in Korea, **David Lee** moved to Hong Kong where he works in the distressed assets division at Merrill Lynch. David writes that **Bruce Chung** is an investment banker at Salomon Smith Barney, **Mike Choi** works in the private equity area in Boston with FA Tech Ventures, **Mike Robbins** is finishing up his first year at Wharton along with **Nettana Samroengraja, Steve Yoo** works in investment banking at JP Morgan in Korea and **James Chang** is leading business initiatives for Newbridge Capital Group in Korea. **Burt Galleno** also is in Hong Kong, working at Goldman Sachs. David would love to hear from people, as he has been out of touch for a long time. You can reach him at david_lee@kr.ml.com.

Sameer Ahuja is a second-year M.B.A. student at Harvard. Other '96ers in his class are **Jeff Li, Henry Tam** and **Sonny Hong.** Last August, Sameer married Sima Saran '96 Barnard, and many Columbians were in attendance, including **Parag Gandhi, Neil Kothari, Chris Glaros, Dino Capasso, Poorni Bid** and **William Norman**. Parag married Raina Bhatt '97 Barnard last June and is doing his ophthalmology residency at Mount Sinai.

In other wedding news, **Jason Chechitelli** got married in December to Annie Rawlings '98E in Upland, Calif. After Jason completed his M.A. in American studies at Columbia, he and Annie moved to California, where Jason teaches English and coaches swimming at Bishop Amat High School. A slew of Columbians attended Jason and Annie's wedding, as the above picture attests.

Tom Kitt performs in the NYC area and beyond. **Lydia Markoff** (née Hilton) is a Web content editor in San Francisco, **Nina Pozzi** teaches photography at Ossining (N.Y.) High School, **Susan Lopez** is a senior analytical chemist for 3M and **Linda Pyo** works at Pfizer as a marketing manager for the atherosclerosis disease management team. **Sarah Ndyajunwoha** is finishing her studies at Case Western Reserve School of Medicine and intends to go into primary care, either pediatrics or family medicine. **Neera Kimmel** also is a medical student studying in the pediatric field. **Catherine Miller** works as an administrative assistant at the Florida School Boards Association, working half-time for the Board Development Program (training school board members) and half-time for the Labor Relations Service. **Hilda Ramirez** is a systems analyst and recently began taking courses towards a master's in computer science.

Dorothy Cadet is a real estate agent who owns 11 properties, launched a childcare center and expects to launch three more in the coming months. She would love for anyone interested in real estate or investments to e-mail her at daczion1@aol.com. **Amy Ellenbogen**, who graduated from the School of Social Work in May 2000, started a peer diversity facilitation program called ROOTED (Respecting Ourselves & Others Through Education), which is now thriving on the College campus. She is a social worker at Women Helping Women

Services in Los Angeles.

Steven Hill is studying at MIT's Sloan School of Management where he is concentrating in financial engineering. **Mitra Sexton** is getting her master's in mechanical engineering at Stanford. **R. Branden Emmerson** is a manager of the information technology and computer networking departments for a nationwide Internet company in San Diego, and **Patricia Merino** works in San Francisco creating user-centered interfaces for Web applications.

Thomas Humphries works in the New Orleans office of McGlinchey Stafford and practices general litigation and aviation law. **Peter Freeman** is an attorney and lives in Maryland with his wife, Jill Fine '96 Barnard, who works at PaineWebber. **Christopher Holst** completed a judicial clerkship with the Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas for Montgomery County and took the U.S. Foreign Service Exam in preparation for a career in diplomacy.

That's all for now, my faithful readers. I wish everyone a joyous spring, and leave you with a thought that non-conformists will especially appreciate: "I passionately hate the idea of being 'with it.' I think an artist always has to be out of step with his time." — Orson Welles.

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This edition of Class Notes is chock full of news — thanks to all of you who wrote in, particularly those who sent in news for the first time!

Everyone is up to so many interesting and different things **Kenya Massey** has an ensemble role in the Broadway production of *Aida*. **Seth Unger** and **Allison Jaffin** worked on Mike Bloomberg's campaign for mayor and are working with him at City Hall, where they have been joined by a number of people from the CU family, including Professor Ester Fuchs, Ethan Davidson '99 and Leah Yoon (SIPA). **Greta Angert** lives in Los Angeles, earned her master's in counseling psychology and does therapy at two agencies. **Aleem Mawji** is a vice president in the structured capital divison at JP Morgan in NYC. **Rachel Goldenberg** is in rabbinical school at Hebrew Union College and has one more year until ordination. She has a monthly pulpit in Waldorf, Md., and is busy getting her thesis proposal ready as well as coordinating the soup kitchen at HUC. She and Jim Talbott '99 were married on August 12 and are happily living in Brooklyn. **Wayne Steward** is finishing his Ph.D. in psychology at Yale this spring. And **Daphna Gutman** is a first-year third grade teacher in East New York, Brooklyn.

Benjamin Rand moved back from Walden, Colo. (the moose capital of the world), where he was advising the owner of a Moose Creek Cookhouse (serving such rustic delicacies as elk) on how best to increase profits and keep customers coming back. Walden is in North Park, Colo., about an hour southeast of Steamboat Springs and two hours from Boulder. He and his fiancée, Lisa, have returned to Brooklyn.

Kyuli Oh moved to London and works as a capital markets associate for Shearman and Sterling. She's enjoying being in London aside from the weather and the food and plans to be there for at least two years. **Stephanie Sirota** moved to London last July. She's working at Lehman Brothers in mergers and acquisitions and absolutely loves London.

There will certainly be lots of doctors in the house at the reunion! **Benjamin Lederer** graduates from Penn Med this month and then starts an internship at an Air Force hospital in D.C. in preparation for four years of scholarship payback. **Eric Wolf** is graduating from P&S this month and will be doing his residency in ophthalmology at Columbia's Edward Harkness Eye Institute beginning in July 2003. **Manish Parikh** graduated medical school in May 2001 and is in his first year of general surgery residency at NYU Medical Center/Bellevue Hospital. **Oren Lerman** graduates with an M.D. from NYU this month and will start his residency in July, specializing in plastic and reconstructive surgery. He married Sandy Schwartzberg '97 Barnard in 1998. **Ross Zeltser** graduates from Rochester's medical school this month and is applying for dermatology residency.

And lest you need business advice, **Cristina Bonaldes** graduated in April from the University of Michigan with an M.B.A. in marketing and corporate strategy. Plans for the summer include additional course work in Koblenz, Germany, and a little European traveling with **Catrell Brown,** who is working on her master's in London. She starts work with Pfizer Consumer Health Products at the end of the summer in Morris Plains, N.J., and is graduating with Mark Arnold '96E and Rayman Bovell '96E. **Neil Soman** is in the class behind her; he is part of the first Michigan M.D./M.B.A. program. **Michael Savini** recently started at the University of Chicago getting his M.B.A. in finance. He is president of the Columbia University Club of Chicago as well as vice president of Oak Brook Bank. He is getting married in September to my longtime friend Laura Stokely. **Dan Evans** and Jon Spier '97E just visited him in Chicago, and they are doing well.

***The marriage of* Jason Chechitelli '96 *and* Annie Rawlings '98E *on December 29 in Upland, Calif., was presided over by Msgr. Christopher Maloney, the University's Catholic Chaplain, and attended by numerous alumni. Standing, from left, are* Robert Mirabelli '96 *and his wife Jennifer,* Joelle Servais '96, Gabe Benvenuti '96E, Amanda Schoenberg '94, Topher McGibbon '96, Justin Zaglio '96, Mick McCosker '98, Caitlin Tso '99, Jason Carss '97, Mike Klug '95 '95E, Louis De Leon '98, Renee Polanco '98, Margaret Conley '98, Patricia Riordan '97 Barnard, Jen Lou '98, Celeste Lum '98E *and* Phong Tran '02 GSAS. *Seated, from left, are* Owen Tran '98E, Rosanna Perry '96 Barnard, Jeremy Stephens '96E, Stephanie Grace '97, Steve McGrath '98, Nam Nguyen '98, Annie Rawlings-Chechitelli '98E, Jason Chechitelli '96 '01 GSAS, Meghan Hast '97, Gered Doherty '00, Katherine Simmerman '02, Andy Topkins '98 *and* Carolyn Wang '98E.**

Raji Kalra was accepted to the Business School and will be starting in the fall, so she will be back in NYC and is looking forward to reconnecting with the N.Y. contingency. She recently got in touch with **Haidee Cabusora,** who graduated from Cornell Law School this month and is a tax attorney in Boston.

And for legal advice, **Maggie Lewis** is a 2L at NYU Law. She will be working at Cleary Gottlieb this summer (first half in NYC and second half in Hong Kong). **Marisa Goldstein** graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in December 2001. She is interning at the WTO in Geneva until June. I am a 2L at Penn Law, looking forward to spending the summer in NYC with a Public Interest Fellowship from the law firm of Swidler Berlin Shereff Friedman. I will spend half my summer working for the firm and the other half working at the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund. **Matt Morningstar** is a first-year associate at Mayer, Brown & Platt.

Hans Chen and Sandie Angulo Chen '98 had a baby! Elias Henry Angulo Chen was born on February 3, nearly four weeks early. Despite that, he still weighed 7 lbs, 4.6 oz. Hans is a first year at Fordham Law.

An early Class of '97 reunion took place around the wedding of **Lainie Perlman** and Steven Weiss in Miami over New Year's. The couple will graduate from law school this spring, she from NYU, he from Fordham. Cheering from the sidelines were **Priti Patel**, a fellow NYU 3L; **Katherine Mack**, pursuing a Ph.D. in comparative literature at UC Irvine; **Eva Subotnik**, a second-year law student at Columbia; Nusrat Choudhury '98, working for Spence-Chapin Services to Families and Children; **Laura Chittick**, hard at work for Credit Lyonnais; and **Graham Goodkin**, who works for News America Marketing.

Keep sending me your updates. I look forward to seeing all of you at the reunion, May 30–June 2.

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Congratulations to **Adam Mansbach**, whose critically acclaimed debut novel *Shackling Water* (Doubleday) hit bookstores in February. I noticed that Adam was scheduled to give a reading at the Park Slope Barnes and Noble, so I dug up some information about the book. According to Adam's

publisher, the book follows a jazz saxophonist as he moves from Boston to Harlem in search of his musical hero and his muse.

Here's what Professor Robert O'Meally (director of the Center for Jazz Studies) had to say about *Shackling Water*: "How fast and fluent is Adam Mansbach's prose; how reminiscent of Baldwin's, Ellison's and Baraka's ways of creating new rhythms with new ways of dancing words and attitudes. Here is virtuoso storytelling with a musical insistence and a drive to discover what it means to make art against the drift and noise of everyday life in America. Here is writing that seems to know the whole tradition but still seek to rhyme with today and tomorrow. Here is a novel to make clear that the tradition of jazz writing at its finest is alive and kicking!"

Sorry this issue's notes are so short, but I have a good excuse: I had a son, Elias Henry Angulo Chen, on Super Bowl Sunday, February 3. Hans '97 and I hope Elias will be a member of Columbia's Class of 2024.

I'm in dire need of updates, especially now that *CCT* comes out six times a year!

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Hello again, dear classmates. The summer is approaching and we are looking at our two-year anniversary as alumni of Columbia. Can you believe it? Before I get into the details of some of our classmates' lives, I remind and encourage you to e-mail me with your latest news, whether it be a new job or even just to say hello. I am always happy to hear from you!

I begin with news from our nation's capital, where I had the great pleasure of running into **Jane Garrido** at a birthday party in Mount Pleasant and **Avi Weisberg** at a young alumni event in Dupont Circle. **Rhonda Henderson** is teaching ninth grade U.S. history in the District at an Edison school, loves teaching and may have found her calling. Rhonda lives in her very own condo (purchased last summer) and plans to work on a summer program in Cuba.

Also in D.C. are Jael Humphrey-Skomer '01, Jorge Herrera '01 (whom she ran into at a club) and Leah Aden '01, who is teaching at a D.C. public school. Other alums in the area include **Charlotte Sanders, James Alexander, Juliet Ross** and **Dan Burstein**. Charlotte is winding down as a paralegal at Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights & Urban Affairs before attending law school in the fall. James, after moving to D.C. from Atlanta, is in the Dominican Republic teaching English; Juliet works for a social work research organization; and Dan will work for a D.C. judge this summer. Charlotte reports that **Brian Walsh** is at JP Morgan in New York City, and **Cliff Kwang**, who moved to Atlanta after graduation, is with Bain Management Consulting, where he works with the Atlanta Zoo.

Will Van Cleve is at the University of Chicago Medical School. Also at Chicago is **Rodney Dale**, who passed his Ph.D. preliminaries last summer and has settled down in a developmental cardiology lab. He says he loves Chicago, even if it is not New York. Rodney ran into **Sarah Case** in the physics department Since then, they hang out every once in awhile. Rodney saw **Blair F. Goodlin** in November on a layover at O'Hare. Blair is doing great and is still the same great "Logicboy" who everyone knows and loves. Finally, Rodney writes that he hears from **Ngoc (Kerry) Nguyen** every so often. She is doing well and is still with American Express.

Toward the end of a long day in the office, it was especially nice to receive an e-mail from **Jared Wakeman,** who is a Web designer in New Orleans for a local hospital, the Ochsner Clinic Foundation. He is having a good time and especially enjoyed New Orleans around Mardi Gras. Thanks for the break, Jared!

Lystra Batchoo ran into fellow freshman-floor member **Sean Boggs.** Sean lives in Astoria and works for a small publishing company in Manhattan.

Chip Moore recently graduated from the Massachusetts Police Corps Academy, a new federal program founded to create a better trained and more well-rounded police officer. Life after college certainly has changed for this former track athlete. Chip reports that in his police academy trainings, he 1) was often sprayed with pepper spray before having to subdue attackers; 2) slept in homeless shelters in order to understand, at least partly, what the homeless experience; 3) mentored at-risk youth; 4) got beat up by at least four or five instructors at a time, to learn to never give up; and 5) received advanced firearms instruction and high speed pursuit driving.

He and his classmates stayed at the academy overnight six nights a week, and went from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day. Chip graduated first in his class and will have the opportunity to go back to future Police Corps classes as an instructor, to which he is looking forward. He is a police officer with UMass Amherst and loves every minute of it. He admits that it stinks to break up the keggers, but the UMass kids get a little wilder than Columbia students. Overall, living in Western Massachusetts has been different, but he's adjusting.

Thanks for the updates, everyone, and take care!

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Spring is here, and believe it or not, soon a full year will have passed since we graduated! I'm not sure what's more surprising — that we've been out of school for that long or that some of you haven't written in to tell me (and your classmates) what you've been up to. Come on — stop waiting, and write something!

Jonathan DeLord reports, "After graduation, I accepted a job at KRC Research & Consulting as an associate in New York City, but I realized after a month that I wasn't going to be able to afford to live in New York on my paltry salary. I ended up quitting my job and heading back home to Austin, Texas, to look for work. After living with my parents for six months, I landed a job as the director of marketing and research for Telefutura television in Austin. I'm pretty much enjoying life and have gone from being the 'typical wild ZBT frat boy' to the 'typical wild bachelor.' "

Rachel Fleishman wrote in to, among other things, complete the partial list I had included of those attending Albert Einstein College of Medicine: herself, **Danielle Novetsky, Naomi Frankel, Jeremy White, Sheila Nazarian,** Haviva Malina '01 Barnard, Rebecca Zausmer '01 Barnard and **Adam Jacobi**. According to Rachel, this group is getting to know very well "exactly where that 2 train goes when it leaves 96th Street."

Daniel Lee is at New College, Oxford University, doing graduate work in political theory. Daniel says, "I grew fond of debating at Columbia, so I'm continuing with that at the Oxford Union. I'm also continuing with my music by singing in the choir of Oriel College and playing my cello at every opportunity." Daniel hopes to return to the United States to finish his graduate studies, and Columbia is one of his top choices.

My Carman 11 pal, **Kate Campion,** works at the Council of Fashion Designers of America in midtown. She moved to Hoboken in November and lives there with her sister, Joan Campion '92, and some hometown friends. She is happy to report that her '01 friends — **Liz Salamy, Sofia Berger** (still at Columbia finishing up the 3/2 program), **Julie Breslin, Ellen Werner,** Bill Martinez '01E and Rob Goodman '01E — are doing well.

Also on the Carman 11 front, I heard from **Reema Kapadia** and **An Pham**. Reema works at CSFB and lives in Murray Hill with **Rabia Saeed,** who works at Morgan Stanley. **Matthew Kim** and **Helena Tse** are doing well and work with Reema at CSFB.

An has been busy working at Merrill Lynch in Princeton. He is a high yield analyst covering the cable, telecom and media, leisure and entertainment industries. He enjoys his job and is learning a lot; surprisingly, he finds that the "the hours are not interfering with my social life at all." He manages to see Vipin Kalra '01E and Alvin Khan '01E once in a while.

Julie Grinfeld is at Harvard getting her master's of arts in education. This summer, she'll teach dance at Sidwell Friends School in Washington, D.C. Julie enjoys bumping into fellow Columbia alums around Cambridge and the greater Boston area.

On January 28, I attended my first-ever lecture as a member of the Columbia Club. Many of you have written in to tell me how you enjoy meeting fellow '01ers at the Club, so I wanted to put in a few good words about it: It is in midtown and has great facilities and programming, including a gym that is truly affordable. I urge all of you in the area to check it out (www.columbiaclub.org). Kenneth Jackson presented a lecture on New York and its future. Also attending were **Artie Harris, Jon Rick, Kerry Constabile,** Bergin O'Malley '01GS and, of course, the lovely Jamie Rubin '01 Barnard.

Jonathan Ferrantelli has been working at Good Machine (a film production company) since graduation, doing a variety of things he describes as "not glamorous, but educational and generally enjoyable." Some of Good Machine's films include *The Ice Storm*, *In the Bedroom* and *The Tao of Steve*. This past summer, Jon

did the Northeast AIDS ride, which is a 350-mile bike ride through upstate New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts that raises money for various AIDS charities. He raised about $2,200 — a nice amount for a worthy cause!

Jon reports that **Alex Baker** works at The Century Foundation, a public policy foundation/liberal think tank. Meegan Neeb '01E is working in the production office for HBO's screen adaptation of Tony Kushner '78's *Angels in America*, which stars Al Pacino and Meryl Streep.

Richard Werksman '54 informed me of a connection made in *CCT*: He was aiming to line up a student speaker for the February meeting of the Columbia College Alumni Club. After reading *CCT*, he contacted **Jorge Herrera** to be its speaker. Richard encourages all D.C.-area alumni to get in touch with him to find out more about the club. (Information about regional alumni clubs can be found at www.columbia.edu/cu/alumni/uar/clubs.html.)

Liz Griffith reported on her "status change" since the last issue: She has been promoted to assistant editor for the *Financial Yellow Book*. Congratulations! **Dael Geft** is studying at Sackler Medical School in Tel Aviv. He says, "It is quite something to be living in the middle of all that is going on in the Middle East, but I think that it helps to put things in perspective, especially during med school." His friend and classmate, David Stern '00, also is studying there. His old roommate, Daniel Gorlin '00 (married to Ashlyn Nussbaum '01 Barnard), is finishing his second year at SIPA.

John Vang is doing well. He is out of the country at an undisclosed location, "because of the nature of my work." John was able to provide some great updates on his pals: **Kevin Kim** is teaching English in Korea on a Fulbright Scholarship. **Mike Morefield** just returned from Tajikistan where he was teaching English. **Chi Mgbako** headed off to Ghana to teach English. **Leah Aden** is teaching in the D.C. public schools.

Jane Shamaeva got married in Spring 2001 and is undertaking a Ph.D. in Russian literature at UC Berkeley, where her husband, Kostya, is getting a Ph.D. in physics.

Elizabeth Cabot works at an investment banking firm in Hong Kong, **Tricia Beckles** works at a law firm in NYC, **Mustafa Faruki** is preserving local art at the Brooklyn Museum and **Stephanie Hsu** is preserving Asian American history at the Museum of Chinese in America in NYC. John, thanks for all those updates.

Yafit Yonay is a first year at the Law School and will work at the United States Attorney's office for the Eastern District of New York this summer.

Jason Johns is a first year at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. The workload keeps him busy, "so I haven't been in touch with many College classmates, but I am proud to say that my girlfriend, Claire Chang '01E, will be going to the Boston University School of Dental Medicine in the fall."

Finally, last but not least, I must apologize for an error that I made in the last issue. **Sybil Dodge** works for Deloitte Consulting. She noted that 25 percent of the entering class at Deloitte came from Columbia: herself, **Kim Harris**, **Brian Gum** and **Jean Leng**.

Keep in touch.

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Dear Class of 2002,

Congratulations on your graduation. We have had an amazing four years, which have indelibly affected the rest of our lives. The classes we've taken, the professors we've come to love, the activities in which we've been involved, and, more than anything else, the people we've come to know and love during these years at Columbia have shaped who we are.

I introduce myself to you as the Class of 2002 correspondent for *CCT*. I already have the privilege of knowing many of you through activities in which I have participated, such as the Columbia College Democrats, the Economics Society and student government. I look forward to staying in touch with all of you.

I will be working at Bridgewater Associates, an investment management firm and hedge fund in Westport, Conn., for the summer, before finishing my second year of a master's in international affairs at SIPA next year.

As you finalize your post-graduation plans, please e-mail me so that I can share them with classmates. The column's success depends on you. In the immediate future, the best way to reach me is via e-mail: ikg3@columbia.edu.

I look forward to hearing from you in the coming months and years. Take care and stay in touch.

Alumni Corner

One Last Toast Ere We Part

By Gerald Sherwin '55
President, Columbia College Alumni Association

As the school year winds down and spring envelops the East Coast, awards and events encompass the Columbia community.

Events in February and March included the Columbia College Women Annual Alumna Achievement Award being bestowed upon Carolina Gonzalez '87, an editor at *The New York Daily News*; Adlar García '95 receiving this year's Leadership Recognition from the Latino Alumni Association of Columbia University; and the 2002 John Jay Awards for Professional Achievement being presented to Joel Klein '67, William McDavid '68, Derek Johnson '81 and Conrad Lung '72 at the Plaza Hotel.

Gerald Sherwin '55
PHOTO: MICHAEL DAMES

Also, Al Butts '64 received a special honor from the Old Blue Rugby Group. Former Old Blue stalwarts Bill Campbell '62 and Dick Donelli '59 were in attendance, among many other College alums.

The end of Black Heritage Month featured an appearance by New York State Comptroller Carl McCall in St. Paul's Chapel, where he spoke to many students, alumni and faculty. Asian Heritage Month was celebrated in Lerner Hall and was attended by a large and enthusiastic number of alumni and students.

Dean of the College Austin Quigley hosted the annual Dean's Day program in April, and a record number of alumni and parents came back to campus to hear what makes Columbia College great — the faculty, who spoke on a variety of topics, engendering much thought and discussion.

At the end of April, the Senior Class Dinner was held under a tent on South Field. The Dean and the Alumni Association participated in this exhilarating affair, which was attended by nearly everyone in the Class of '02. Thanks to Colleen Hsia '02 and Ellen Gustafson '02 for helping to make this event a huge success and for starting another Columbia tradition.

As touched on in an earlier column, a relatively new series of programs designed to bring alumni and students closer together was introduced this year and has become extremely popular. It all takes place in the Living and Learning Center, where alumni meet with groups of students to discuss issues of the day. Alums who have participated thus far include Larry Grossman '52, Dick Wald '52 and Greg Wyatt '71. Another set of alumni/student get-togethers is Dinner and Conversation, which focuses mainly on careers but also includes other topics. Richard Witten '75, Arnold Tolkin '54, Michael Azerrad '83 and Dr. Gordon Klein '67 are among those who have taken part.

As part of the plan to bring Columbia College to alumni and parents around the country and the world, the dean and other College representatives traveled to Los Angeles, Orange County and San Francisco in late March, where several lunches and dinners were held. The attendees were brought up to date on the state of the College (especially since 9/11), admissions, financial aid, the refurbishing of Hamilton Hall, renovations to Butler Library and many other areas of note.

The hosts in California were David Stanton '77, Peter Sullivan '74 and Steve Silberman '74 P'03, Susan Bay-Nimoy and Leonard Nimoy P'03, Marty Jelenko '67 P'04 and Troy Jelenko P'04, Ed Weinstein '57 and Ilene Lederman '87 (Ed's daughter) and Alan Stein '52. Plans are being formulated to return to the West Coast in late June to greet newly accepted students and their parents, along with alumni and current students home for the summer. California will not be the only place visited — destinations under consideration include Singapore, Hong Kong, London, Atlanta, Boston and other domestic cities.

Other events coming up include Class Day on May 21, Commencement on May 22, and of course, Reunion for classes ending in 2 and 7, May 30–June 2.

You can all feel that the Columbia family is getting closer and closer together. Alumni, parents, students, faculty, administrators — all should be proud of the College. The bar of excellence is being raised to a new level with each incoming class.

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So, dear Columbians, as my term as president of the Alumni Association winds down, there are many people to thank for making the past two years some of the most exciting and truly enjoyable times I have experienced on Morningside Heights: Dean Quigley, the administrators, the CCAA officers and the full board, including the next president of the Alumni Association, Charles O'Byrne '81, First Vice President Bob Berne '60, Derek Wittner '65 and the Alumni Affairs and Development staff, and others too numerous to mention, but most of all, the students who each day bring new life to our school. Plaudits also go to you, the alumni, who mean so much to the College, now and in the future.

As you might expect, I still will be around in many other alumni capacities. The e-mail remains the same (gs481@juno.com) in case you have any thoughts, questions, *bon mots* and so forth. Stay well, and thank you for everything.

The view from the new boathouse deck looks across the Harlem River toward "C" Rock and the Henry Hudson Bridge.

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In the glittering Grand Ballroom of the Plaza Hotel, the College honored four distinguished alumni on March 6 by presenting them with John Jay Awards (from left): Derek Q. Johnson '81, Joel I. Klein '67, Conrad Lung '72 and William H. McDavid '68.

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CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

A year that began with tragedy ends in celebration for members of the Class of 2002

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FALL SEMESTER 2002

Monday	Tuesday	Saturday	Tuesday
AUGUST 26 New Student Orientation	SEPTEMBER 3 First Day of Classes	SEPTEMBER 21 Washington, D.C. College Day	SEPTEMBER 24 CCYA Achievement Award
Saturday	**Friday–Saturday**	**Thursday**	**Wednesday**
OCTOBER 5 Homecoming vs. Princeton	OCTOBER 11–12 Family Weekend	OCTOBER 17 Midterm Date	OCTOBER 30 Dean's Scholarship Reception

Tuesday	Thursday	Thursday–Friday	Monday	Friday
NOVEMBER 5 Election Day (University Holiday)	NOVEMBER 14 Alexander Hamilton Award Dinner	NOVEMBER 28–29 Thanksgiving Holiday	DECEMBER 9 Last Day of Classes	DECEMBER 20 Last Day of Fall Semester

SPRING SEMESTER 2003

Saturday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Monday
JANUARY 11 Atlanta Columbia College Day	JANUARY 21 First Day of Classes	MARCH 5 John Jay Awards Dinner	MARCH 10 Midterm Date
Saturday	**Monday–Friday**	**Wednesday**	**Saturday**
MARCH 15 Los Angeles Columbia College Day	MARCH 17–21 Spring Break	MARCH 26 Alumna Achievement Award	APRIL 12 Dean's Day

Monday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday–Sunday
APRIL 28 Senior Class Dinner	MAY 19 Awards and Prizes Ceremony	MAY 20 Class Day	MAY 21 University Commencement	MAY–JUNE 29–1 Reunion Weekend

For more information on alumni events, please call the Columbia College Office of Alumni Affairs and Development toll-free at 866-CCALUMNI, or visit the College's Alumni Web site at www.college.columbia.edu/alumni.

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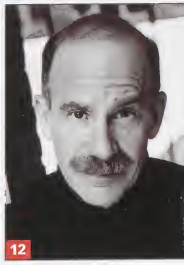
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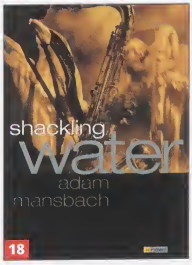

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Restoring the Sundial

I was glad to see in your January issue a reference to the missing sundial on the circular marble base opposite Alma Mater on College Walk. A few years ago, I wrote a letter pointing out the same gap in the decoration of our main campus and suggested that replacing the large, green sphere in its proper place would be an admirable gift for a class or a donor with an esthetic soul. The cost would be small compared to almost any other suitable offering. There was no echo to my plea until now, and that thoughtful word ought not to go unheard again.

Jacques Barzun '27
UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR EMERITUS
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Columbia Connections

I received the most recent edition of *CCT* and as usual I was drawn into the College again. If we have one failing as alumni, it is our lack of response to the needs of alma mater. The newly revised class agent program for the College Fund is a start in the right direction. One of the other elements in connecting the alumni to the College is obviously *CCT*. You are doing a great job.

David Victor '64
LEXINGTON, MASS.

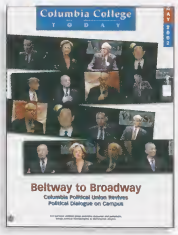
CPU, From A to ...

I was pleased to learn from your May 2002 issue that the Columbia Political Union has presented speakers that cover the political spectrum from A to B. The political figures on your cover run the gamut from the left-leaning Ralph Nader, through Democratic notables Al Gore, Hillary Clinton and Robert Rubin, and on to John McCain, who has alienated much of his party by seeming to vote more often with the Democrats, not to mention Israel's eternal left wing peacenik Shimon Peres. Your article showed that the speakers omitted from cover treatment were Democrats Bill Bradley and Paul Wellstone, not to mention that the "brains" behind CPU's revival is now working for Democrat Joe Biden. It was also gratifying to learn that the CPU's revival has coincided with other campus organizations hiring Democrats George Stephanopoulos '82, David Dinkins and George Mitchell. It's hard to figure how Arianna Huffington got invited, but then again, she was asked to speak on campaign finance reform — the one issue on which she has aligned herself with the left.

It's gratifying to know that our undergrads are being exposed to such varied political views.

Michael Hertzberg '60
NEW YORK

[Editor's note: Photos of campus appearances by other CPU invitees who extend the spectrum beyond B, such as Steve Forbes, Dinesh D'Souza, M. Stanton Evans and Reginald Jones, were unavailable. In retrospect, perhaps we should have run stock photos of them to better reflect the non-partisan objectives of the CPU. But as a Columbia magazine, we chose to run photos that showed prominent politicians speaking on the Columbia campus, which has been one of the CPU's achievements. The subject of the article was the CPU, not the specific speakers.]



Columbia Political Union

The article regarding the Columbia Political Union mistakenly asserts that the CPU was founded during a bus trip to New Hampshire in 2000. In fact, the CPU was admitted as a new student group under our leadership in the spring of 1997. Our initial efforts focused on building trust between the Republicans and Democrats through such events as joint viewing of presidential addresses. The CPU was not anyone's "brainchild" but rather was modeled after the Yale and Oxford political unions. While the subsequent leadership of the CPU deserves tremendous credit for taking the organization to the next level by hosting many high profile speakers, we hope that they have not forgotten the hard work of those who brought the union into existence.

George Demos '99
FORMER PRESIDENT, COLLEGE REPUBLICANS
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FORMER PRESIDENT, COLLEGE DEMOCRATS
Daniel Fisher '99
FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COLLEGE REPUBLICANS
NEW YORK

WITHIN THE FAMILY

A Season of Change

To everything there is a season, and at Columbia, this summer is a season of change.

After maintaining a low profile while reacclimating himself to the Columbia community during the spring, Lee C. Bollinger formally became the University's 19th president on June 1. Bollinger, operating from a suite on the fourth floor of Low Library, could not move into the second-floor President's Office right away, however, as construction was taking place on the west side of the building.

Summer is the time when most work is done on the campus' infrastructure. For the College, the most exciting project is the ongoing renovation of Hamilton Hall, where classroom renovations are continuing, with more than half of the building's 38 seminar and lecture rooms scheduled to be completed by the time the fall semester begins. Meanwhile, Dean Austin Quigley and his staff have been temporarily relocated to the new Core Curriculum offices; the Dean's suite, which will share the main floor of Hamilton with the renovated Admissions Office on one side and the new home of the Core on the other, is expected to be finished by September.

Also scheduled for completion during the summer is the new landscaped plaza in front of John Jay Hall, where Lion's Court (a.k.a. the Tin Box, or Casa Metallica) previously stood and where older alumni will remember a tennis court. We'll be sure to have pictures in an upcoming issue.

With a new University president come administrative changes. Two of former President George Rupp's top aides, Provost Jonathan Cole '64 and Vice President and Dean of the Faculty of the Arts and Sciences David Cohen, have resigned to return to faculty positions but will remain in their administrative posts for the upcoming school year to aid in the transition. Another member of Rupp's "cabinet," VP of Public Affairs Alan Stone, left for a similar position at Harvard last winter, and his deputy, Virgil Renzulli, is leaving to become VP of public affairs at Arizona State under new President Michael Crow, who had been executive vice provost at Columbia.

Two names you'll be hearing more about in the future are Robert Kasdin and Susan Feagin, both of whom served under Bollinger at Michigan. Kasdin, who had been executive VP and CFO at Michigan, fills the newly created position of senior executive vice president at Columbia, with a flexible mandate that will allow the job to be shaped as needs arise. Feagin, a 1974 GS graduate who has twice previously worked at Columbia, was VP for development at Michigan and is now VP for development and alumni relations at Columbia.

There also is a change in leadership at the College Alumni Association, where Charles J. O'Byrne '81 has succeeded Jerry Sherwin '55 as president of the Board of Directors (for a look at the complete 2002–03 CCAA board as well as the Board of Visitors, please see page 52). O'Byrne has been active in alumni affairs since his student days and has served on the board in several executive committee positions, including secretary, VP for academic affairs, VP for communications and technology, and first VP. Sherwin, omnipresent at campus events during his two-year term as president, can be expected to remain a highly visible, active advocate for the College.

Alex Sachare

Thank you for your excellent article documenting the rise of the Columbia Political Union. It was wonderful to see the contributions of so many Columbia students recognized for the success of their collective effort.

No single group of people can take credit for the CPU's explosion on campus. Countless students from a whole slew of backgounds made invaluable contributions to the organization. Conservatives, Democrats, Greens, Republicans and Socialists represent just the tip of the iceberg; student government representatives, the Office of Public Affairs, the *Spectator*, Earl Hall, and a range of other groups played integral roles.

The re-emergence of political activity on campus is the result of years of work. A great deal of the organization's framework was developed well before the 2000 election cycle, and the contributions of students who played a role in the CPU's formal incorporation in 1997 deserve recognition for their crucial role. Their work started the chain reaction that has grown into something larger than what anyone could have imagined.

I am tremendously impressed with what more the Union has contributed since my class graduated a year ago. And more than anything, I'm sure that alumni from the range of classes that worked to make the CPU what it is today look forward to what what it promises to become.

Mark Dunkelman '01
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Columbia Athletics

Richard Kuhn's letter on Columbia basketball (May 2002) was on the mark. Even more telling was AD [John A.] Reeves' response that unintentionally revealed the true source of the problem with Columbia athletics: There is no commitment on the part of the administration to win or even to be competitive. I humbly submit that no other Ivy would tolerate [men's basketball coach Armond] Hill's record, especially this year, where he led a team that was picked to challenge for the title to a sixth place finish. The prospects for next year's team are equally dismal. On a related note, football coach Ray Tellier recorded his fifth consecutive losing season, accomplished when historical

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AROUND THE QUADS

Bollinger Becomes University's 19th President

Pledging to preserve and enhance "the academic, intellectual, artistic strengths of the University" and to assure that "the youngest people in the institution, the people coming in as first-year undergraduates, have a life-changing, rich educational experience," Lee C. Bollinger '71L became Columbia's 19th president on June 1. He succeeded George Rupp, who had headed the University since 1993.

Bollinger's remarks came in an interview with *Columbia College Today* conducted during his first week as president. The full interview will appear in an upcoming issue of *CCT*.

Rupp, who will be awarded the 2002 Alexander Hamilton Medal for distinguished service and accomplishment this fall, said of his successor, "Lee is a tremendously impressive academic leader. I have enjoyed collaborating with him as a colleague on national issues in education and research."

Bollinger, whose formal presidential inauguration is scheduled for October, had been president of the University of Michigan since 1997. He was confirmed by Columbia's Board of the Trustees last fall and spent several months on campus, meeting with various members of the Columbia community, including alumni leaders, prior to taking office.

He received an honorary degree at the May 22 Commencement ceremony, where his daughter, Carey Bollinger '02L, was among the graduates. Bollinger's wife, Jean Magnano Bollinger, is a 1971 graduate of Teachers College, where she earned a master's in education and psychology. The Bollingers also have a son, Lee, who holds degrees from UC Berkeley and the University of Michigan Law School.

A legal scholar whose primary interests are free speech and the First Amendment, Bollinger has served as dean of Michigan Law School and provost of Dartmouth College. He is a 1968 graduate of the University of Oregon. While at the Law School, Bollinger was an articles editor of the *Law Review*. After serving as law clerk for Judge Wilfred Feinberg '40 '46L on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and for Chief Justice Warren Burger on the United States Supreme Court, Bollinger joined the faculty of the University of Michigan Law School in 1973. In 1987, he was named dean, a position he held for seven years until leaving for Dartmouth. He returned to Michigan in 1997 to serve as its president.

Incoming* President Lee Bollinger *(right) receives an honorary degree from outgoing* President George Rupp *at Commencement.
PHOTO: EILEEN BARROSO

As announced in the March 2002 issue of *CCT* (www.college.columbia.edu/cct/mar02/mar02_quads2.html), Rupp will succeed Reynold Levy as president of the International Rescue Committee. Founded in 1933 at Albert Einstein's request, the IRC is among the world's largest nonsectarian, nonprofit agencies providing global emergency relief, rehabilitation, protection and resettlement services for refugees, displaced persons and victims of oppression and violent conflict.

Prior to becoming Columbia's president in 1993, Rupp served as president of Rice University in Houston and dean of the Harvard Divinity School. More than a year ago, he advised the Board of Trustees that he would step down in June.

At Columbia, Rupp focused on enhancing undergraduate education, recruiting leading senior and junior scholars to enhance the faculty, revitalizing the Morningside Heights campus, strengthening the University's relationship to the surrounding community and New York City as a whole, launching new education and research programs and increasing the international orientation of the University. He also completed a financial restructuring, with the result that each of the annual budgets he has submitted has been balanced. Under his leadership, the University achieved record fund raising each year and completed a $2.84 billion campaign.

Rupp will receive the Alexander Hamilton Medal at a black tie dinner in Low Rotunda on Thursday, November 14, and will join a distinguished list of past presidents to be so honored.

Nicholas Murray Butler (Class of 1882), who served as president of the University from 1902–45, was honored with the first Hamilton Medal in 1947. Acting president Frank D. Fackenthal '06, who served from 1945–48, was honored the following year, followed by Grayson Kirk (1953–68) in 1957, Dwight D. Eisenhower (1948–53) in 1963, Andrew W. Cordier (1968–70) in 1970, William J. McGill (1970–80) in 1979 and Michael I. Sovern '53 (1980–93) in 1993.

For further information about the Alexander Hamilton Medal Dinner, please call the Alumni Office at (212) 870-2288 or (866) CCALUMNI.

L.P., A.S.

Cole, Cohen To Leave Administrative Posts

Two of Columbia's top administrators, Jonathan R. Cole '64 and David Cohen, have announced their resignations in order to return to the faculty. Cole, who has served as provost since 1989, and Cohen, who has been vice president and dean of the faculty of the Arts and Sci-

ences since 1995, are expected to remain in their administrative posts through the 2002–03 academic year to allow a smooth transition in the administration of President Lee C. Bollinger, who took office on June 1.

Cole, the University's chief academic officer, wrote in a letter to Columbia faculty and administrators that he had "decided that after 13 years, it is time for me to return to teaching and research, to new projects and to the many that have remained in limbo since 1989."

Cole will have served longer than any other provost except William H. Carpenter, whose tenure lasted 15 years, from 1912–27. Columbia has been Cole's academic home for 42 years, since he entered the College as an undergraduate. As a sociologist of science, he explored the nature of quality in scientific research and discovery. As an administrator, he has been devoted to improving the quality of the University's faculty, students, scholarship and programs.

Cole led many initiatives at Columbia that have enhanced research and teaching, built new programs and provided academic and other support that attracted new faculty. As vice president for Arts and Sciences from 1987–89 and then as provost, Cole collaborated with administrators and deans to reform the budget process, strengthen tenure review and make strategic investments in departments and multi-disciplinary programs that have competitive advantages because of Columbia's location. Cole's goals were based on the recognition that improvements in the quality of life for faculty and students would lead to the recruitment and retention of the most talented minds to Columbia. Cole also was instrumental in the creation of a Columbia laboratory school for children, which will open in fall 2003, and his goal of making the campus environs more welcoming to faculty led Cole to spearhead the opening of the Labyrinth Bookstore on Morningside Heights, the first major scholarly bookstore in New York in many years.

Jonathan Cole *'64 will step down as provost after 13 years to return to teaching and research, continuing a Columbia career that began when he enrolled as an undergraduate in 1960.*

David Cohen *has been responsible for overseeing 29 departments of instruction in the humanities and physical and social sciences, and the faculty of six schools, including the College.*
PHOTOS: JOE PINIERO

Another of Cole's significant achievements has been his collaboration with the leaders of the Washington Heights campus to stimulate growth in research and the recruitment and retention of world-class faculty. He was instrumental in initiating the Audubon Research Park to advance basic research and biotechnology transfer at Columbia.

Among other initiatives, Cole led the effort to modernize the University libraries, including the renovation of Butler Library, the expansion of online services and the development of a remote storage facility shared with Princeton and the New York Public Library. He led the development of a center for digital media intended to enhance interactive teaching and, as part of the budget reform, helped create an Academic Quality Fund for innovative and interdisciplinary teaching programs.

"Jonathan has been a central figure in Columbia's continuing growth in scholarship and teaching, as well as its renaissance in the Health Sciences," said David Stern, chairman of the Board of Trustees. "His intellectual drive, strategic thinking and implementation skills have kept Columbia at the forefront of cutting-edge research as well as superior undergraduate and graduate education."

Cole earned a Ph.D. in 1969 from Columbia and was a member of the faculty before he became provost; he holds the John Mitchell Mason Professorship. His scholarship has examined the social organization and structure of science, the growth of scientific knowledge, the treatment of women in science, issues of fairness and justice in the reward system of science, the peer review system for allocating scientific resources, and the relationship between uses and abuses of scientific evidence. In recent years, he has written about aspects of higher education and the problems of scientific and technological literacy in the United States.

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In his letter to faculty and staff, Cole referred to the rarity in today's world of spending an entire academic career at a single institution. "I have never been willing or able to leave," he said. "Now I look forward to serving Columbia again as a member of its faculty — taking in and producing some of the gritty energy that I associate with it and love."

Cohen also wrote a letter to the faculty explaining his decision. In it, he said, "Well before President Rupp announced his plans, I had assumed it would be appropriate for me to alter course at the age of 65, a milestone I will realize at the end of the next academic year." Cohen has been responsible for overseeing 29 departments of instruction in the humanities and physical and social sciences, and the faculty of Columbia College, the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, the School of International and Public Affairs, the School of General Studies, Continuing Education and the School of the Arts.

His many accomplishments at Columbia include increasing the distinction of Arts and Sciences departments, most notably anthropology, economics and physics; fostering an environment of scholarship across departmental and school borders; improving funding for Arts and Sciences graduate students and enhancing their academic experience; balancing the Arts and Sciences budget and making the administration more efficient; and implementing a faculty-driven academic review process.

"From his expert management of the Arts and Sciences budget and administration to his vision for enhanced academic disciplines and new scholarly collaborations, David Cohen has played a vital role in the advances that Columbia has achieved in recent years," praised Rupp.

An eminent neurobiologist, Cohen graduated from from Harvard in 1960 and received his Ph. D. from UC Berkeley in 1963. Before coming to Columbia, where he also is professor of biological sciences and of psychiatry, he was provost at Northwestern University. Prior to that, he served as vice president for research and dean of the graduate school there. From 1979–86, Cohen held numerous positions at SUNY Stony Brook, and from 1968–79, he served as associate professor and professor of physiology and chairman of neuroscience at the University of Virginia.

Cohen began his teaching career as assistant professor of physiology at Western Reserve and was a National Science Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Physiology and the Brain Research Institute at UCLA in 1963–64. He has served as president of the Society for Neuroscience and vice president of the National Society for Medical Research. He was chairman of the Association of American Medical Colleges in 1989–90 and was chairman of that organization's advisory panel on biomedical research from 1990–92. For several years, Cohen was a member of the advisory committee for the Directorate of Biological, Behavioral and Social Sciences for the National Science Foundation.

Cohen served as a member of the executive committee of the Governor's Scientific Advisory Committee of the State of Illinois, and was a member of the advisory committee of the Illinois State Board of Education's Illinois Scientific Literacy Program from 1989–91. He is a director of the Research Libraries Group, former chairman of the scientific and technical advisory committee of the Board of Governors of Argonne National Laboratory and former chairman of the administrative committee of the board of overseers of the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory. Cohen has written approximately 100 scientific articles, chapters and abstracts and 30 non-scientific articles.

L.P.

Dean Austin Quigley ***thanks seniors for their enthusiasm during the annual Class Dinner, held this year under a tent on South Field and attended by more than 900 seniors.***
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CAMPUS BULLETINS

■ CLASS OF 2002: More than 900 seniors — nearly the entire class — gathered under a tent on South Field on April 29 for a festive Senior Dinner to celebrate their impending graduation.

Among the speakers were Dean Austin Quigley; Jerry Sherwin '55, president of the Alumni Association; Michael Mellia '02, senior class president; and classmates David Epstein '02, Seth Gale '02, Blake Lipsett '02 and Scott Koonin '02, the latter representing the Senior Fund committee.

Thanks to the year-long efforts of the members of the Senior Fund Committee, the Class of 2002 achieved a record participation rate of more than 50 percent, a significant increase over the mark of 32 percent set by the Class of '01. In addition, each five percentage points reached above 35 percent triggered a matching gift from Peter Grossman '79, enhancing the impact of the seniors' gift to the Columbia College Fund.

The Senior Fund Committee was chaired by Koonin, Ali Hirsh '02, Pooja Agarwal '02 and Sarah Palestrant '02.

■ CLASS OF 2006: Despite a year shadowed by terrorism and recession, the number of applications to the College once again has risen to record levels, resulting in another record for selectivity.

For the Class of 2006, the College admitted 1,637 students from a record 14,137 applications, an 11.6 percent admit rate, according to Eric Furda, executive director of undergraduate admissions. Applications were up 0.6 percent from last year's total of 14,097, while selectivity improved from 12.2 percent a year ago.

Furda indicated that the College had received a record high number of early decision applications, 1,611, up eight percent from a year ago. The College filled 49 percent of its new class with early applicants, up slightly from previous years.

Furda pointed out that the caliber of students seeking admission was "as competitive as it's ever been," noting that SAT scores were higher than last year — a combined average of 1,430, up six points.

In the admitted class, seven percent of the students are citizens of countries other than the United States, with more than 40 countries represented. All states except North Dakota are represented in the admitted class.

Throughout the spring, the Office of Undergraduate Admissions worked with Columbia alumni to host admitted student receptions in Boston (photo, page 37), Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, D.C., Houston, San Antonio, Dallas, San Francisco, San Diego, Los Angeles and Minneapolis.

■ VAN DOREN, TRILLING AWARDS: Students of Columbia College have awarded the 2002 Mark Van Doren Teaching Award to University Professor Caroline Bynum, the distinguished medieval historian, and the 2002 Lionel Trilling Book Award to Professor Nicholas Dirks, chair of the anthropology department, for his book, *Castes of Mind: Colonialism and the Making of Modern India* (Princeton, 2001).

The winners were selected by the Columbia College Academic Awards Committee, which was composed of 11 students who met weekly during the past year to consider candidates. The committee was co-chaired by Yaacob Dweck '02, Michael Fishman '02 and Daniel Immerwahr '02. The Van Doren Award, in its 41st year, recognizes a teacher in the College for outstanding leadership and teaching. The Trilling Award, in its 27th year, recognizes an outstanding book published in the previous calendar year by a member of the College faculty.

In accepting the awards at Faculty House on May 6, both winners noted that the prizes were special in that they came from students.

Professors Caroline Bynum *and* Nicholas Dirks *were honored with the Mark Van Doren Teaching Award and the Lionel Trilling Book Award, respectively, for 2002.*
PHOTO: SHAWN CHOY '03

"It is a great honor to receive an award named after Lionel Trilling. It is an even greater honor to receive an award from the students of Columbia, a most discerning reading group," said Dirks, whose book impressed the committee in part because he "was able to make some very complex arguments about the relationship between colonialism and caste in India so clear and enjoyable to read," according to Immerwahr. He added, "Professor Dirks deals successfully with a body of theory about how archival evidence forms our knowledge of the past, but his treatment of the subect is concrete, enlightening and even entertaining."

"What students do for you is keep you young and focused on the future," said Bynum, who is taking a position with the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton to allow her more time for research but plans to continue to work with Columbia students. "It is through your students that you look to a new future, to see the possibilities of those lands beyond the horizon that you are never going to reach, but that perhaps they will."

Bynum, who won the Trilling Award in 1992 for *Fragmentation and Redemption: Essays on Gender and the Human Body in Medieval Religion* (Zone Books, 1991), is the fourth person to win both student awards. The others are Wm. Theodore de Bary '41, the John Mitchell Mason Professor and Provost Emeritus; George Sansom Professor of History Carol Gluck; and anthropologist Robert F. Murphy.

A.S.

■ BLACK BOX: Students and alumni gathered at Lerner Hall on April 16 to formally dedicate the student center's new Black Box Theatre. Located on the fifth floor, the theater was inaugurated with performances by three student drama groups: the King's Crown Shakespeare Troupe, the Columbia University Performing Arts League and the Black Theatre Ensemble.

"Virtually all of the good things in my life (besides my parents) are a result of my four years at Columbia," said Michael Rothfeld '69, the theater's primary sponsor.

Dean Austin Quigley dedicated the theater with Rothfeld, following remarks by Ethan McSweeny '93. After graduating as the College's first theater major, McSweeny began a successful career as a director in regional and off-Broadway theater. He made his Broadway debut with last season's *Gore Vidal's The Best Man*, an all-star revival produced in part by Rothfeld.

"I got an enormous kick standing in the back of the theater and watching the audience enjoy the play," Rothfeld said of that show. "One of the best experiences I had [as a producer] was working with Ethan."

Operated through Student Development and Activities, the Black Box Theatre will be another venue for undergraduate theatre students to present their work. Applications to schedule in the theater are open to all recognized undergraduate student organizations.

■ MUTICULTURAL CORE: The Heyman Center for the Humanities has been awarded a $309,000 grant from the Mellon Foundation to support a series of workshops for the development of a multicultural sequence in the College's Core Curriculum.

The Core Curriculum (www.college.columbia.edu/students/academics/core) began in 1919 with the establishment of the Contemporary Civilization course on war and peace issues. Literature Humanities followed in 1937 and by 1947 Art Humanities and Music Humanities had been added. The Core currently also includes Logic and Rhetoric, a Major Cultures component plus foreign language, science and physical education requirements.

The grant will support a series of three-week workshops in which faculty, post-doctoral fellows and preceptors in Core courses will discuss major texts, themes and issues in the major world traditions central to general education and suitable for further exploration in upper-level college seminars. The first workshop ran from May 28 to June 13 and focused on concepts of nobility (i.e., leadership) and civility. A later session will deal with the Medieval to Enlightenment periods, and a third session will address the modern period.

Wm. Theodore de Bary '41, director of the Heyman Center and the John Mitchell Mason Professor and Provost Emeritus of the University, noted that the inclusion of a multicultural sequence in the Core Curriculum was anticipated by the Core's founders, such as Dean Harry Carman and Mark Van Doren.

■ NEIGHBORLY: In order to make information on Columbia construction projects, community services and other programs and initiatives more accessible to neighborhood residents, Columbia has launched a new Web site, Information for Our Neighbors, www.neighbors.columbia.edu. It also is accessible from a link on the home page of the main Columbia Web site, www.columbia.edu.

In addition to updates about building construction, the site organizes and presents information on the many University programs that may be of interest to Columbia neighbors, including community service programs, cultural events and the economic links between the University and Upper Manhattan. The site also has links to Columbia Web sites and recent Columbia reports and publications.

Columbia is working with area community board offices, including CBs 7, 9, 10 and 12, to provide public Internet access for residents' use. Residents without Internet access who are interested in the information on the Neighbors Web site can visit their local library or contact the Office of Community Affairs at (212) 854-4288 for written materials.

■ CHEMWRITE: When noted author and neurologist Oliver Sacks made a trip to Columbia on April 23, it wasn't to meet with physicians and professors, or even to discuss writing about medicine at the Journalism School. Instead, he spent two hours discussing his most recent book, *Uncle Tungsten: Memoirs of a Chemical Boyhood* (Knopf, 2001), with undergraduate chemistry students as part of the ChemWrite program.

"General Chemistry," the two-semester introductory course, requires even the most die-hard natural scientist in training to flex literary muscles. The ChemWrite program asks each student in the course to write one paper each semester about a book on a list that the department selects. Papers are graded by preceptors from the Logic and Rhetoric course and count for 18 percent of the final grade. As Professor of Chemistry Len Fine, who administers the program, says, ChemWrite is an attempt to "bridge Core Curriculum and science requirements."

Each semester has a different book list, although, as Fine notes, the fall list is "less eclectic" than the eight-book spring list, which this year included *Uncle Tungsten*. The program is seven years old, though this is only the second year that an author was invited to talk with students (and Logic and Rhetoric preceptors). In a nice coincidence, Sacks dedicated *Uncle Tungsten* to his friend, Nobel laureate Roald Hoffman '58, who was the guest last year

Broadway producer Michael Rothfeld *'69 (center) and his wife,* Dr. Ella M. Fochay, *chat with* Dean Austin Quigley *at the dedication of Lerner Hall's new Black Box Theatre.*
PHOTO: MICHAEL DAMES

College Honors 65 Students at Awards and Prizes Ceremony

On May 20, approximately 200 students, parents, family members and faculty gathered in Low Rotunda for the College's third annual Academic Awards and Prizes Ceremony. Hosted by Dean of Academic Affairs Kathryn Yatrakis, the ceremony recognized 65 students for their scholarly and intellectual achievements.

Before the award presentations, Dean Austin Quigley praised the awardees, noting that "it is a great honor for them to earn these awards in this enormously challenging and competitive context." Before presenting the prizes for special achievement, Yatrakis remarked that early in the 20th century, University President Nicholas Murray Butler complained that undergraduate school was a refuge for "idlers and dawdlers." These prizes, she said, prove "there are no idlers and dawdlers in this class."

Yatrakis presented the awards for special achievement, including the Albert Asher Green Memorial Award to the senior with the highest grade point average, Katie Melissa Baker '02. Then Professor of Mathematics Patrick Gallagher, Professor of English and Comparative Literature Edward Mendelsohn and Professor of Political Science David Johnston presented awards in the sciences and mathematics, the humanities, and the social sciences, respectively.

AWARDS FOR SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

HARRY J. CARMAN FELLOWSHIP
Bethany Anne Pappalardo '02

CONTEMPORARY CIVILIZATION ESSAY AWARD
Ivan Maximovich Khotulev '03
Eric Michael Hagemann '03 (Honorable Mention)
Noah B. Strote '02 (Honorable Mention)

HENRY EVANS TRAVELING FELLOWSHIP
Karen Austrian '02
Jesse Moss Shapins '03

SOLOMON AND SEYMOUR FISHER CIVIL LIBERTIES FELLOWSHIP
Alexandria Armida Amezcua '03

ALBERT ASHER GREEN MEMORIAL AWARD
Katie Melissa Baker '02

EURETTA J. KELLETT FELLOWSHIPS
Toby Kim Lee '02
David Kagan '02

RICHARD LEWIS KOHN TRAVELING FELLOWSHIP
Vignesh Mohan Aier '04

RICHARD & BROOKE RAPAPORT SUMMER MUSIC FELLOWSHIP
Martha Drake Reeves '05
Alicia Nah-Kyung Lee '04
Michael S. Landau '04
Anna Katherine Ellis Bulbrook '04
Daniel Issac Tannenbaum '05

ARTHUR ROSE TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP
Howard Leo Morrow Nye '03

THE LOUIS SUDLER PRIZE IN THE ARTS
Marisa Abby Escolar '02

DAVID B. TRUMAN AWARD
Charles Everett Donohoe '02

PRIZES IN THE SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

COMPUTER SCIENCE DEPARTMENT AWARD
Ricky Kin-Wai Chin '02

ALFRED MORITZ MICHAELIS PRIZE
David Kagan '02

RUSSELL C. MILLS AWARD
Jason Evan Schleifer '02

I. I. RABI & V. KANN-RASMUSSEN PRIZE IN MATHEMATICS
Ronald Charles Babich '03
Eric Michael Patterson '03

PROFESSOR VAN AMRINGE MATHEMATICS PRIZE
Kiril R. Datchev '05

JOHN DASH VAN BUREN JR. PRIZE IN MATHEMATICS
Alexander Ivanov Sotirov '02

PRIZES IN THE HUMANITIES

ACADEMY OF AMERICAN POETS PRIZE
Justin George Jamail '02

SENIOR THESIS PRIZE IN ART HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY
Imo Nse Imeh '02

CHARLES PATERNO BARRATT-BROWN MEMORIAL PRIZE
Jesse Moss Shapins '03

DINO BIGONGIARI PRIZE
Scott Andrew Hartman '05

B'NAI ZION FOUNDATION AWARD
Kayla Miriam Birns '02

SEYMOUR BRICK MEMORIAL PRIZE
Reina Marlene Hardy '03

KAREN OSNEY BROWNSTEIN WRITING PRIZE
Michael Laurence Weiss '02

DOUGLAS GARDNER CAVERLY PRIZE
Leonard M. Braman '02

GEORGE WILLIAM CURTIS PRIZE
Catherine Mary Walsh '02 (First Place, Informative)
Jesse Warren Folit Golomb '02 (First Place, Persuasive)
Alec Reuven Borenstein '02 (Second Place, Informative)
Charles Mikel Katz-Leavy '02 (Second Place, Persuasive)

EARLE PRIZE IN CLASSICS
Leonard M. Braman '02

ARTHUR E. FORD POETRY PRIZE
Michael Scott Paulson '04
Lara Weibgen '02 (Honorable Mention)

DEAN HAWKES MEMORIAL PRIZE IN THE HUMANITIES
Stefanie Hava Weisman '03 (First Place)
Jenica Nicholls Upshaw '03 (Second Place)
Jonah Richard Lehrer '03 (Second Place)

ADAM LEROY JONES PRIZE
Jonathan Aaron Simon '02

JONATHAN THRONE KOPIT MEMORIAL PRIZE
Martina Frank Brendel '05

HELEN & HOWARD MARRARO PRIZE
Marisa Abby Escolar '02

PHILOLEXIAN PRIZE FUND
Paul Benjamin Kiel '02

PETER M. RICCIO PRIZE
Elizabeth Claire Saylor '05

BENJAMIN F. ROMAINE PRIZE
Dana Fields '02 Barnard

VAN RENSSELAER PRIZE
Ian David Volner '04

DEUTSCHER VEREIN PRIZE IN GERMAN
Amanda Lenore Brown '02

SUSAN HUNTINGTON VERNON PRIZE
Marie Elizabeth Holmes '02

RICHMOND B. WILLIAMS TRAVELING FELLOWSHIP
Melanie Andrea Micir '03

PRIZES IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

CHARLES A. BEARD PRIZE
David Barry Chubak '02

CHANLER HISTORICAL PRIZE
Daniel Sepinuck Immerwahr '02

ALBERT MARION ELSBERG PRIZE
Peter Bret Lamphere '02

THE LILY PRIZE IN HISTORY
Peter Bret Lamphere '02

SANFORD S. PARKER PRIZE
Kareen Rozen '02

EDWIN ROBBINS SUMMER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP IN HISTORY
Julia Rose Kraut '03
Robert Edward Lee '03

EDWIN ROBBINS SUMMER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP IN POLITICAL SCIENCE
Katherine Suzanne Thursby '03
Puay Lim Yeo '03

ROMINE PRIZE
Howard Leo Morrow Nye '03 (Best Seminar Paper)
David Allan Biegel '02 (Best Honors Thesis)

CAROLINE PHELPS STOKES PRIZE
Karen Lynn Corrie '02

ALAN J. WILLEN MEMORIAL PRIZE
Robert Harvey Polsky '02

Oliver Sacks ***speaks with students about his book,*** **Uncle Tungsten,** ***one of eight books on the spring list of the ChemWrite program.***
PHOTO: TIMOTHY P. CROSS

in the ChemWrite program (see www.college.columbia.edu/cct/aug01/aug01_quads3.html).

Thirty-five students and faculty gathered to hear Sacks, who is also the author of *The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat* and *Awakenings*, which was made into a film of the same title starring Robin Williams (as a neurologist, a character based on Sacks) and Robert DeNiro (as his patient). Sacks describes *Uncle Tungsten* as "an eccentric book which is part personal and part chemical." The book recounts his early adolescence in post-World War II London, when he was "crazy" about chemistry. "I wanted to become a 19th-century chemist, which no longer exists," he said

In a wide-ranging question-and-answer session, Sacks admitted that though he was nicknamed "Inky" as a boy because of all the journals he kept, he only began thinking of himself as a writer a couple of years ago. "My strength and my weakness is that I can't think without writing," he said.

Fine hopes that he can continue to bring authors to campus as part of ChemWrite. "It's an enjoyable opportunity to force feed you all with literature in the chemistry program," he told the students.

T.P.C.

■ RUPP HONORED: Outgoing President George Rupp received the Gershom Mendes Seixas Award at the Kraft Center's annual dinner on May 9. The award was in recognition of Rupp's "many accomplishments at Columbia and for the pivotal role he played in the creation of the Kraft Center for Jewish Student Life." The award, named after a colonial Jewish spiritual leader who was a trustee of

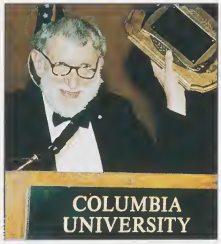
King's College in 1784, was presented to Rupp by trustee Robert K. Kraft '63, whose lead gift launched the campaign to build the home for Columbia-Barnard Hillel. The keynote speaker at the dinner was *New York Times* foreign affairs columnist Tom Friedman.

■ PHILOS: The Philolexian Society celebrated its bicentennial in grand style with a black-tie dinner in Low Library on April 11. Nearly 130 students, alumni, faculty and administrators gathered in praise of the group, which is not only the oldest literary society on campus but also Columbia's oldest student group. The society, founded in 1802, was moribund from the mid-1960s until 1985 when Thomas Vinciguerra '85, former managing editor of *CCT* and now deputy editor of *The Week*, helped organize its revival, which is captured in the group's motto, "*Surgam.*" (Roughly translated, "We shall rise.")

Vinciguerra, who has been dubbed "avatar of the society" for his role in resuscitating the group, spoke about the Philos' two centuries of distinction. "Philo is diversity incarnate," he said. "No other campus group so readily accommodates more libertines, reactionaries and radicals, feminists and misanthropes, aesthetes and bohemians, the doctrinaire and the unorthodox." Vinciguerra also read congratulatory letters from Philo alumni Ben Stein '66 (see page 16) and Ted Hoffmann '44, who could not attend the dinner.

Dean Austin Quigley also was on hand to praise the Philos' longevity and goals. The society helps "students to emerge from the University in ways that are continuous with Columbia's great tradition of trying to produce students who are intellectual and social explorers, and not mere experts," he said. "Congratulations again on your first 200 years of the society, and I look forward to meeting you all in this room at the same time 200 years from now."

Poet and Yale professor John Hollander '50 received the first Philolexian Award for Alumni Literary Achievement and delivered the keynote address, in which he recounted his student days and the group's history. "Whatever discontinuities in the nature of Philolexian we may observe between then and now — of letter and spirit, form and function, ceremony and belief — any institution in modern life that has survived for two centuries without noticeably having contributed to human misery can surely celebrate its bicentennial without embarrassment," he said.



John Hollander '50 *was the keynote speaker at the Philolexian Society's bicentennial dinner and the recipient of its first award for Alumni Literary Achievement.*
PHOTO: CHRIS TAGGART

Marla Diamond '03 Barnard served as mistress of ceremonies for the evening. Philo alumni who spoke included Michael Marubio '87, Rachel Kahn-Troster '01 Barnard, the group's "moderator emerita," and Walter Wager '44. Alumni present included Special Service Professor Wm. Theodore de Bary '41, William Peterfield Trent Professor of English and Comparative Literature John Rosenberg '50, Donn Coffee '55 and former *CCT* editor Jamie Katz '72.

T.P.C.

TRANSITIONS

■ ASSOCIATE PROVOST: Susan Rieger '76L, former dean of Ezra Stiles College at Yale, was named associate provost for equal opportunity and affirmative action effective July 1. Rieger will coordinate Columbia's programs to promote diversity and to create a working and learning environment that is free from discrimination and harassment. Her duties include working with the academic and administrative departments to recruit and maintain a faculty and staff diverse in background and outstanding in qualifications, and ensuring the University's compliance with laws and government regulations on equal opportunity and affirmative action.

■ PUBLIC AFFAIRS: Virgil Renzulli, who managed media relations and numerous other communications projects for Columbia as vice president for public affairs since 1996, has resigned to become a vice president for public affairs at Arizona State. There he will work for Michael Crow, who had been Columbia's executive vice provost before being named President of ASU last spring.

■ ALUMNI AFFAIRS: Dr. Laurance J. Guido '65 '69 P&S, who had served as director of University Alumni Affairs and previously worked in the College Alumni Office, announced his retirement at the conclusion of the 2001–02 academic year.

■ SOCIOLOGIST: Todd Gitlin, a sociologist who writes widely about politics, culture and the media, has left NYU to join Columbia's sociology department as well as the Journalism School. Gitlin, who was an undergraduate at Harvard, earned his master's degree at Michigan (where he was president of Students for a Democratic Society) and a Ph.D. from UC Berkeley. He told *The New York Times* that he was drawn to Columbia for two reasons: the "top-of-the-line students" at Columbia and Barnard and Columbia's four-year-old Ph.D. program in communications.

ALUMNI BULLETINS

■ REESE A JET?: Johnathan Reese '02, the most prolific running back in Columbia football history, has signed a free agent contract with the New York Jets and will attempt to win a spot on the National Football League team's roster during summer training camp and the preseason exhibition schedule. Reese will be competing for a reserve berth behind veteran Curtis Martin, one of pro football's leading running backs.

Reese is Columbia's all-time leading ground-gainer with 3,321 yards, one of six school records he set in his four seasons. He was an All-Ivy First Team selection as a junior and a Second Team selection as a senior.

Reese's cousin, Kirby Mack '01, who spent last season as a graduate assistant coach at Brown, also was signed to play professionally, by the Winnipeg Blue Bombers of the Canadian Football League. Mack, a running back and linebacker at Columbia, will attempt to win a spot as a pass-rusher with Winnipeg. Also, the Toronto Argonauts of the CFL selected wide receiver Jarel Cockburn '02 in that league's draft. Cockburn is a native of Ontario, Canada.

A year ago, Marcellus Wiley '97, a Pro Bowl defensive end with the San Diego Chargers, was the only Columbia alumnus playing pro football.

■ REUNION 2002: The College's annual reunion, held on campus and at venues throughout New York and environs on May 30–June 2, was the biggest and most exciting yet — but came too late to make the deadline for this issue of *Columbia College Today*. Look for extensive coverage in September!

IN LUMINE TUO

■ GUGGENHEIMS: Martha C. Howell, Gustave Berne Professor of History, David Stark, Arnold A. Saltzman Professor of Sociology and International Affairs, and Tomas Vu-Daniel, associate professor of art, are among five Columbia professors who have received 2002 John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Fellowships. This total ties Columbia with UCLA and Wisconsin for the most fellowships received at a single institution this year.

Howell earned a Guggenheim award for her study of market culture in cities of late medieval northern Europe. She is a specialist in early modern European social and women's history, concentrating on the Burgundian Netherlands, northern France and Germany. Howell's publications include *From Reliable Sources* (with Walter Prevenier, Cornell University Press, 2001), *The Marriage Exchange: Property, Social Place and Gender in Cities of the Low Countries, 1300–1550* (with Catherine R. Stimpson, University of Chicago Press, 1998) and *Women, Production, and Patriarchy in Late Medieval Cities* (also with Stimpson, University of Chicago Press, 1986). Howell's current research project explores the tensions attending the explosion of commercial wealth in Europe between about 1300 and 1600, and she plans to use the Guggenheim to continue her work in Belgium and France.

"I am of course thrilled to have received the fellowship, not just for the honor it bestows," Howell told the *University Record*, "but also because it allows me to expand my research base."

Stark, who will use his Guggenheim to explore the network properties of East European capitalism, is the author of "Accounts of Worth in New Media Projects" in *Theory,*

More Than 1,000 Take Part In Community Outreach

More than 1,000 volunteers from Columbia's student body, faculty and administration joined with members of the community on Saturday, April 8, for the fifth annual Columbia Community Outreach, a student-organized event in which volunteers cleaned parks, helped renovate buildings, repainted school classrooms and worked at other projects in Upper Manhattan.

Participants worked at more than 30 sites, including Riverside and Morningside Parks, Bellevue Hospital Center, SHOUT for Children, the Broadway Presbyterian Church, Partnership for Parks, Cathedral Community Cares (a subsidiary of St. John the Divine), Cherry Tree Association, Columbia Greenhouse Nursery School, Community League of West 159th St. Inc., Housing Conservation Coordinators and SPROUT.

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Do you have an apartment or room to rent or sublet?

Columbia University's Off-Campus Housing Assistance Office (OCHA) will list your room or apartment free of charge on our new on-line database which is accessible to Columbia students and affiliates.

Let OCHA help you find a roommate, tenant or sub-tenant from within the Columbia community.

Call OCHA at (212) 854-2773.

Culture and Society (forthcoming 2002); "Ambiguous Assets for Uncertain Environments: Heterarchy in Postsocialist Firms" in *The Twenty-First-Century Firm: Changing Economic Organization in International Perspective* (Princeton University Press, 2001); and *Postsocialist Pathways: Transforming Politics and Property in East Central Europe* (Cambridge University Press, 1998).

He is currently studying the coevolution of collaborative organizational forms and interactive technologies. Stark, who has served as chair of the sociology department and a director of the Center on Collaborative Organization and Digital Ecologies (CODES), will be a visiting scholar at the Russell Sage Foundation in New York City in 2002–03. He will travel to Budapest for some of his research and plans to branch out to supplement his earlier ethnographic research with new methods of analysis.

Artist Vu-Daniel earned a Guggenheim to support his painting. Vu-Daniel — whose wife, Jennifer Nuss, also is a 2002 Guggenheim fellow for her work in painting — said the award was "an opportunity to travel back to Vietnam where most of my work and history has been greatly involved." Vu-Daniel is director of Columbia's Leroy Neiman Center for Print Studies, which was founded to promote printmaking through education, production, and exhibition of prints. He will produce a short film while visiting Vietnam in a few months and will then return to his studio to work on a new series of painting and prints.

The two other Columbia Guggenheim recipients are Rita Charon, a professor of clinical medicine at P&S and director of the program in narrative medicine, who will use her grant to explore the role of narrative medicine as a model for empathy and clinical courage, and Adjunct Professor of Writing Paul LaFarge, the author of *The Artist of the Missing* (Farrar Straus & Giroux, 1999) and *Haussmann, or the Distinction: A Novel* (Farrar Straus & Giroux, 2001), who will use his Guggenheim for fiction to support work on his third novel.

T.P.C.

■ BANCROFT: *In Pursuit of Equity: Women, Men and the Quest for Economic Citizenship in 20th-Century America* (Oxford University Press, 2001) by Alice Kessler-Harris, Columbia's R. Godron Hoxie Professor of American History, was one of two books to receive the 2002 Bancroft Prize at a ceremony in Low Library on April 24. *Race and Reunion: The Civil War in American Memory* (Belknap Press, 2001) by David W. Blight, a professor at Amherst, also was honored. The Bancroft Prize, one of the most prestigious awards in the field of history, are presented annually to the authors of books of exceptional merit and distinction in the fields of American history, biography or diplomacy.

Kessler-Harris is one of the nation's leading scholars of gender, the economy and public policy. In her book, she traces and analyzes 20th-century U.S. social policies such as Social Security, unemployment insurance and fair labor stadards that produced different access to resources for men and women. Her critical analysis shows how a deeply embedded set of beliefs, what she calls "gendered imagination," distorted seemingly neutral social legislation to further limit the freedom and equality of women, especially regarding their rights to full economic citizenship.

■ NSF: Nicholas Turro, the William P. Schweitzer Professor of Chemistry and a faculty member in the departments of chemistry, chemical engineering and Earth and environmental engineering, is one of six university science researchers and educators nationwide who received the 2002 National Science Foundation Director's Awards for Distinguished Teaching Scholars. Turro was honored for creating new computer-based models for undergraduate chemistry studies and for developing mentoring programs that involve undergraduates as collaborators on faculty research. His innovative teaching methods have been adopted by college science educators across the country.

Turro is a cutting-edge researcher who is leading advances in the use of photochemistry and spectroscopy to reveal the structure and dynamics of supramolecular systems. Since the start of the 1990s, he has been at the forefront of the development of information technologies for the teaching of science. He has received nearly $2 million in funds over the past decade from the NSF, the Dreyfus Foundation, Columbia and others to develop computer software and Web-based learning programs for teaching organic and physical chemistry and spectroscopy; many

of these programs are used in college science courses nationwide.

The Distinguished Teaching Scholars awards were created in 2001 by NSF Director Rita Colwell to promote interest among academics in creative new ways to teach undergraduate science, technology, engineering and mathematics and to involve students in research mentoring programs, including students not majoring in these fields. Each winner receives $300,000 over four years to expand their work beyond their own institutions. In addition to Turro, professors from UC Santa Barbara, Boston University, Princeton, Arizona and Colorado were honored at a ceremony at the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D.C. on June 19.

■ AAAS ELECTS 10 COLUMBIA SCHOLARS: The American Academy of Arts and Sciences has elected 177 fellows and 30 foreign honorary members to the 2002 class, and 10 University scholars are among them. Election to the academy recognizes those who have made preeminent contributions to their scholarly fields and professions, according to Academy President Patricia Meyer Spacks.

The Columbia electees are Mark Cane, Vetlesen Professor of Earth Climate Science; Ann Douglas, professor of English and comparative literature; psychology professor Carol S. Dweck; Robert A. Ferguson, George E. Woodberry Professor of Law and English and Comparative Literature; William V. Harris, William R. Shepherd Professor of History; architecture professor Steven Holl; philosophy professor Philip S. Kitcher; Herbert Pardes, psychiatry professor and president of New York Presbyterian Hospital; religion professor Wayne Proudfoot; and James S. Polshek, architecture professor and former dean of the School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation.

■ PRIZED: *Smile of Discontent: Humor, Gender and Nineteenth-Century British Fiction* (University of Chicago Press, 1999) by Adjunct Associate Professor of English and Comparative Literature Eileen Gillooly was awarded the Barbara Perkins and George Perkins Award by the Society for the Study of Narrative Literature. The award is presented annually to the book that makes the most significant contribution to the study of narrative. Gillooly's book argued that literary humor became a prudent method for women to express discontent within Victorian culture, which was fundamentally committed to restricting female expression.

■ HONORED: Carol Gluck, the George Sansom Professor of History, has been honored with the Fulbright Program 50th Anniversary Distinguished Scholar Award by the Japan-United States Educational Commission. The award was presented in recognition of her "scholarship of the highest order" and contributions to international understanding "in the true Fulbright spirit." Gluck is a historian of modern Japan in the departments of History and East Asian Languages and Cultures and the East Asian Institute.

■ AWARDED: Colin Nuckolls, assistant professor of organic chemistry, was awarded a 2002 Beckman Young Investigator Award for "Nanoscale Energy Conversion, Electrical Conduction and Hierarchical Assembly." The Beckman Young Investigator Awards, established in 1991, provide research support to the most promising young faculty members in the first three years of tenure track appointments in academic and nonprofit institutions who conduct fundamental research in the chemical and life sciences.

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Second Careers

In an age of career mobility, having the skills and the spirit to change courses can be exciting and fulfilling.

By Shira J. Boss '93

When choosing a major or a graduate school program, students commonly feel as if they are rolling out the map of their entire careers. As Dr. Seuss tells graduates in *Oh, The Places You'll Go!*: "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose."

No decision is a one-way ticket, especially in this era of career mobility. Peter Levine '65 and Jim Mummery '65, classmates who majored in history, are examples.

After serving in Vietnam, Mummery went on to a 25-year management career in the business world. Having never lost his passion for history, however, he went back to graduate school, quit his job and became a high school history teacher in his 50s.

Levine, on the other hand, went straight on to graduate studies in history after the College. He enjoyed three decades of teaching the subject at Michigan State University before deciding to leave the classroom for the stage. While others his age are retiring and migrating south, Levine is back in New York honing his skills as a thespian, sending his headshots to agents and lining up at auditions.

Daniel Schechter '83, who transitioned from music to medicine, often finds himself giving advice to others on changing careers. "People are complex, and different interests may serve that individual at different points in life," he says. "People can really change their direction and build on their previous experience with a sense of fulfillment. Where one starts may be very different from where one ends up."

Peter Levine '65

All the world's a stage

Peter Levine '65 married his childhood sweetheart and has been happy for 41 years. But when it came to his career as a history professor, after 32 years, he left to try something new: show business.

After spending three decades in East Lansing, Mich., Levine returned to his native Brooklyn. He was accepted into a prestigious two-year actors training program, replaced stacks of students' papers with stacks of his headshot and made his off-Broadway debut. "We left very predictable and comfortable and leisurely lives, and those are all good things. But part of us wanted more freedom, more unpredictability," Levine says of himself and his wife, Gale.

Teaching and performing have been linked in Levine's mind since he was a student of history professor James Shenton '49 at Columbia. Shenton was his unofficial adviser, and Levine found the historian an inspiration. Levine earned a master's in history from Columbia in 1966 and then went into a Ph.D. program at Rutgers. In the fall of 1969, he was offered a position in the history department at Michigan State. "It just sort of happened, and happened to be a 32-year career," Levine says.

He specialized in sports history, writing books such as *Ellis Island to Ebbets Field: Sport and the American Jewish Experience* (Oxford University Press, 1993) and, with Robert Lipsyte '57, *Idols of the Game: A Sporting History of Twentieth Century America* (Turner, 1995).

"Jim Shenton was my role model," Levine says. "He'd come in with a stack of books and captivate an audience. When I could finally go into a classroom without notes and hold a class's attention, I knew I had arrived." Levine took the performance a step further by having students put on plays that were relevant to the period they were studying.

One afternoon, Levine made his way over to an audition for a community play. From that show in 1986 until 2000, he worked with the university's theater program and performed in dozens of plays. "I did it all with no training," Levine says. "Most of my friends were astonished that someone they knew had the *chutzpah* to get up in front of people."

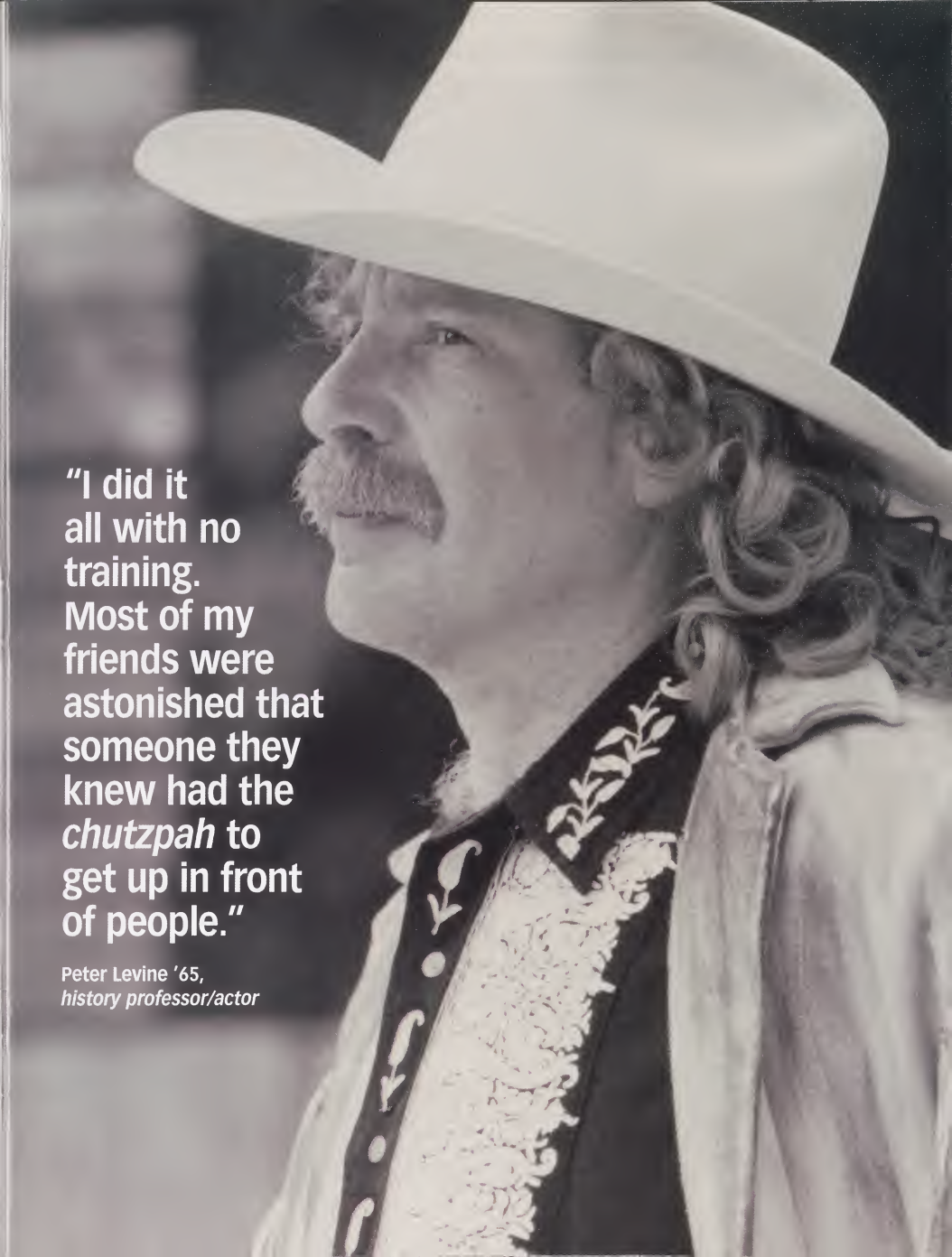
In fall 1997, Levine came back to New York for a semester to work on a book. He enrolled in acting classes on the side and got into an off-off-Broadway show in the West Village. "I realized it's what I wanted to be doing," he says.

Levine convinced his wife that they should relocate back to the city, which they did in September 2000. If they had waited just one more year, he says, they probably wouldn't have done it, given the declining stock market and the turbulence of September 11.

In March 2001, Levine started auditioning, and from June to October appeared in four plays. A highlight for him was doing a revival of *Madwoman of Chaillot* at the Neighborhood Playhouse. It was a minor role, but still thrilling for Levine, especially when he found out that he would be on stage with veteran actress Anne Jackson. "In my mind, I was the leader of the vagabonds," he says.

Like most aspiring actors, Levine also has tried out for commercials. He was excited to get called to audition for a national Volkswagon commercial that called for a professional type. He found himself in front of the camera blowing bubbles and following instructions to act flirtatious before he started feeling ridiculous. To get through it, he repeated to himself: "I'm 57 years old and have had a life, so none of this really matters."

He didn't get that part, but he did land a lead in the Gallery Players pro-



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Peter Levine '65,
history professor/actor

duction of *Front Page* in Brooklyn, which ran the first two weeks of April. "Apparently," he says, "I've had as much success and opportunity in one year as many people have in several."

Adam Epstein '95

Moving from the law to the edge

Adam Epstein '95 used to hear from his parents, who are both lawyers, "Go to law school, but don't be a lawyer." So, after completing law school at the University of Michigan in 1998, Epstein worked in the field for two years, first at a New York law firm and then for a Michigan judge, before leaving law to become an entrepreneur.

Adam Epstein '95, ***lawyer/entrepreneur***

Epstein had known for a long time that he might want to become a business owner. His great-grandparents and grandparents had their own businesses, and he had tried various ventures while growing up and in school, such as a dog-washing service and selling parking spaces at football games.

Leaving behind steady paychecks and a measure of prestige, Epstein founded Alternacast, an Internet broadcasting company whose centerpiece is a Web site where sports fans pay to broadcast a game or their own talk show. He has taken on debt and works in downtown New York out of an office that is essentially a cubicle with a door, but Epstein embraces the new-millennium, start-up lifestyle. "This is a little more on the edge," than his former career, he admits. "But now I wake up in the morning and I can't wait to get here, and I go to bed at night thinking about the business and how I can improve it."

When people hear about the Web site, Fancast, they often assume that Epstein is fulfilling a childhood fantasy of being a sportscaster. Epstein says that's not true. He did always enjoy watching sports, and after working at *Spectator* as sports editor, he thought he might want to do something media and sports-related. But the specific idea for Fancast didn't come to him until he was clerking in Michigan and returned to New York to visit friends. Epstein had been watching sports on television solo in his apartment in Kalamazoo and hadn't realized until he was amongst his buddies again what had been missing. "It was the banter among these guys," he says. "It was the community feeling."

Epstein had the idea to use the Internet to connect fans. When his clerkship ended, he returned to New York and started working on Alternacast full-time. Fancast launched six months later, in May 2001, and by the end of the year had 32,000 listeners and 1,200 shows per month. Epstein hopes the company will turn profitable this summer.

Holding his own purse strings, Epstein has gotten almost everything on the cheap. Alternacast acquired technology, office equipment and marketing lists for cents on the dollar from dot-bombers and negotiated the lease on the company's 10' x 5' office in the ice-cold market just after September 11. Before that, Alternacast was incubating in Epstein's apartment. The company now employs one other full-timer and three part-timers, all refugees from the dot-comet era.

Epstein has borrowed from family members and invested his savings. "I have debt from school, and I've incurred more debt," he says. "I don't think you can be a deer in the headlights when it comes to risk. If I'm not going to take a risk when I'm in my 20s with nobody to support, when will I do it?"

Shaking up his finances, at least in the short-term, is what Epstein is doing to pursue a more fulfilling career. "From Columbia, it was easy to go to a good law school and relatively easy to find a job where I was making six figures," he says. "I was swept along, but I wasn't very happy."

Seeing the risk that Epstein has taken, people often try to reassure him. "They say, 'You can always go back to law,'" Epstein says. "But that's what keeps me motivated to make this work."

Daniel Schechter '83

Music man to medicine man

Music did a lot of things for Daniel Schechter '83: It gave him refuge as a child and helped him explore the world outside of his hometown of Miami. It brought him recognition in the form of festival appearances and awards. It even led him to his wife, Christine Breede-Schechter '99TC, who also is a musician.

Schechter, an accomplished cellist and composer, studied at the competitive

Daniel Schechter '83, ***musician/child psychiatrist***

Tanglewood Institute in Massachusetts, majored in music and French literature at Columbia and then went straight into the music master's program. At 21, he was one of the youngest teachers of Music Hum ever at the College.

That's when he realized music might not be what he wanted to pursue full time for the rest of his life. "I had been so focused on music that I never thought about what was going to happen later or what would happen with other interests that I had," Schechter says, pointing out that one reason that he transferred after his first year from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music in Ohio to Columbia was to get a broader education. "I was ready to branch out and do something new that would directly benefit others," he says.

Following the model of his uncle, who is a psychiatrist and psychoanalyst, Schechter signed up for some pre-med classes at Columbia while getting his M.A. His uncle didn't understand why Schechter would turn away from music — and neither did others.

"I come from a family that promoted people's development in arts, and in which going into medicine was not supposed to be in the cards," he says. As for colleagues in the music department, "They were saying, 'Are you nuts?' and 'Maybe Dan wants to learn more about what was wrong with Wagner.'"

To further explore his interest, Schechter volunteered in the child psychiatry division at Mt. Sinai Hospital, where a mentor encouraged him to pursue medicine and to work with young children, where Schechter's gift for understanding nonverbal communication would be appreciated.

Schechter finished his music master's in 1987 and that fall enrolled in P&S. Specializing in child psychiatry, he now is medical director of New York-Presbyterian Hospital's Infant-Family

Service/Therapeutic Nursery, which works with inner-city families with children under 5 who are at risk for abuse or neglect. He also teaches at P&S and is up for an assistant professorship of clinical psychiatry in pediatrics.

"I'm only now feeling that I'm at the level of depth in psychiatry that I was at in music back when I was 20," Schechter says. "I was never sure in the beginning if I was doing the right thing, but one thing I've learned about human development is that your life can be enriched in different areas and they contribute to each other."

He still makes time to play the cello for his enjoyment and that of his son, Jan Nikolai.

Jim Mummery '65

The lure of the classroom

Jim Mummery '65 studied history at the College and never gave up his love for the subject. But after serving four years in the Marine Corps, including piloting a helicopter in Vietnam, he started a family, and his top priority was to make a stable living.

Mummery took advantage of the GI Bill to earn an M.B.A. from NYU and then entered a management training program at New York Telephone Co. (now Verizon). His business management career, which included a stint at Blue Cross in Chicago and then 16 years in customer service at The Bank of New York, took him right up to his 25th college reunion. "There were periods when I really got into it, but ultimately, I'm not a business personality," Mummery says of his first career.

Around the time of that silver reunion, Mummery did some reevaluating. He told classmates that he was thinking of switching careers and becoming a teacher. Alan Fenton '65, who is a teacher in Texas, encouraged him to make the switch. With his youngest child, daughter Alex Mummery '95, going off to college, Mummery went back to school to earn a master's in history from Queens College.

Jim Mummery '65, *businessman/teacher*

With a nest egg from his years in the business world, Mummery was able to quit his job and start over as a student teacher at a high school in Brooklyn. With his fresh credentials, he sent out his résumé, and the first call came from a school district in Farmville, Va. Mummery was assigned to teach government at the public high school. "One of the teachers said, 'These students will eat you alive!'" Mummery says. "But of course, he's small-time. I may not have been a top student at Columbia, but I'm still big-time."

Mummery got on well with the students and coached the soccer team. Unfortunately, his wife, Joan, was finding it harder to embrace conservative Farmville. "After two years, she said, 'I'm leaving. You can stay with this job you love so much, or come with me,'" Mummery says. "So I went to Washington, D.C. You have to keep your priorities straight."

For the past three years, Mummery has taught government to seniors at The Lab School of Washington, a private school for learning disabled children.

"I've always envied people who know what they want to do, because I never did, and I finally found something rewarding," he says. "I like having my own classroom and doing my own thing. I've been far more respected as a teacher than I ever was as a businessman. It doesn't pay as well, but I don't need as much money now."

Charles Jacobs '52, *retailer/journalist*

Charles Jacobs '52

Once and again a journalist

From the beginning, Charles Jacobs '52 wanted to be a newspaperman. While in high school in Paterson, N.J., he contributed to the local paper, and while at Columbia he was managing editor of *Spectator*.

But after graduating from the Journalism School in 1953, Jacobs served two years in the Army, and then was asked to join the family business, a small soft-goods store in Paterson that was opened by Jacobs' grandfather. "My family pleaded with me," Jacobs says. "I agreed to come in for six months to a year to help out, and that turned into 20-something years."

During his time in retail, Jacobs watched his friends and roommates from Columbia rise in journalism: Max Frankel '52 became executive editor of *The New York Times*, and Larry Grossman '52 became president of NBC News and PBS.

"I hated retailing all the time I was in it and envied my dear friends who were in the field that I loved and were so successful at it," Jacobs says, noting that he also felt a lot of pride in them. "But it was family obligation, and I felt that that took precedence over everything else."

After many years at its helm, Jacobs had transformed the family store into a 225,000-square foot department store and considered his duty fulfilled. In the mid-'80s, he sold the store and turned back to newspapers, first as a publisher, then as an editor and finally as a freelance writer.

How did he make the transition? As head of the department store, Jacobs had gotten to know Dean Singleton, the publisher of numerous newspapers including the *Paterson News*, where Jacobs advertised. Singleton arranged for him to go to California for some training. Then, because of Jacobs' business background, Singleton offered him the job of publisher at the Alameda Newspaper Group, a cluster of newspapers in the San Francisco area.

"I waited for a long time and always dreamed about getting back into the field," Jacobs says. He broke into writing by, as he says, "dribbling out freelance stories with small newspapers, even weeklies — anywhere I could get published — and building on that."

His business and travel stories have since appeared in newspapers such as *The New York Times* and *The Los Angeles Times*, and he is under contract for a nonfiction book about a double murder.

"I realized I'll never catch up to the kind of success [classmates such as Frankel and Grossman] had in the field, but I had a late start," Jacobs says. "I'm very pleased and happy with the way my career has gone so far."

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Ben Stein '66

Not Your Average Game Show Host

By Nancy Fitzgerald

It seems like a funny trip, from Morningside Heights to Hollywood. But not for Ben Stein '66.

He started out with the requisite good looks (who can argue?), sex appeal ("Women love me," he says) and brains (after all, he went to the College). But Ben Stein a TV star? Really, how could life be any different?

Five times a week on Comedy Central (check your local listings for air times), Stein pits his Columbia-trained intellect against one great mind after another on *Win Ben Stein's Money*: Dave from Los Angeles; Amy from Stanford; Joe, a programmer with Microsoft. They're all smart (they must take a test to be on the show), but Stein is smarter, at least most of the time. When he wins, he keeps his stash of the prize money, $5,000 per show. A contestant who wins goes home up to $5,000 richer. It's a quiz show with a difference: The quizmaster — Stein — must answer the same tough questions as the contestants.

"I'm like a gladiator in the ring," he says. "There's a tremendous tension, and it's not fun when I lose. Money and pride are two big things." Stein doesn't often lose. "I win about 80 percent of the time," he estimates. "Some seasons I win less. It depends on how I'm feeling."

And yes, it really is his money. "It is deducted from my pay if I lose," he explains. "I get a certain amount of pay each show, and they deduct more than half of it if I lose."

If you're going to try to take away Ben Stein '66's money, be prepared for a fight. "I'm like a gladiator in the ring," he says.
PHOTO: JANET VAN HAM

But Stein has an Ivy education, and genetics, on his side. His father, Herbert, was chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers in the Nixon administration and invented the term supply-side economics. His mother, Mildred (a Barnard alumna), was an economist by training, too. But mostly, his parents instilled in young Ben a love of family and a sense of humor. "My parents were very affectionate and very funny," says Stein, whose mother died in 1997 and whose father passed away two years later. "What I remember about them wasn't their insights about fiscal policy, but how they would sit with me and talk about my problems. Those are the things I worship and value."

What about Regis Philbin and Alex Trebek? Could they handle the pressure? "They wouldn't have the guts," contends Stein. "It's terribly difficult. They'd be crazy to do it. They get paid so much to do their shows, and they're so easy compared to mine."

And really, he's right. The questions on *Win Ben Stein's Money* are hard. What 20th-century art movement claimed to be anti-art? How many sides are on a dodecagon? "Galaxy" comes from the Greek word for what fluid? What smooth cylinder is used to roll out pastry dough? (I only knew the rolling-pin question; I would have gone home empty-handed.)

Stein arrived, reluctantly, on campus in 1962 ("I wished I had gone to Yale"), but after a year or so, he was a true-blue Columbia man. It wasn't so much the living arrangements that won him over ("My dorm was a tiny hell hole in Furnald") or the charms of New York City ("New York is loud and rude"). It was more his fraternity, Alpha Delta Phi, his pals and a girlfriend from Barnard who changed his life.

Academics were useful, too. How many Columbia alumni, after all, can claim that the Core Curriculum comes in handy every day at work? Stein credits Professors Harris and Fiering and Rothstein for providing ammuni-

tion for his impressive game show performance. And Milton Friedman, a visiting economics professor, provided the inspiration for Stein's memorable lesson on voodoo economics in the 1986 film *Ferris Beuller's Day Off*. "I ad-libbed the entire scene," Stein recalls of his film role. "I drew my inspiration from a book by Friedman, *The Monetary History of the United States*. When I watch the movie, I think the lesson is quite interesting. Everybody else — about 99 percent of people — thinks it's boring."

After graduating from the College, Stein headed to New Haven for law school, where he didn't find the same sort of welcome he'd found a few years before in Morningside Heights. "People at Yale were very tough and aggressive," he says, "with a sort of smooth exterior. At Columbia, they're aggressive and uncouth, but there's a certain real warmth. I found a heart there."

From Yale Law, it was on to a brief stint as a trial lawyer with the Federal Trade Commission ("the worst job I ever had"), and then a gig as speechwriter, primarily on economics, for Presidents Nixon and Ford (he claims no credit for the line, "I am not a crook."). Along the way, he taught undergraduate law courses at Pepperdine and UC Santa Cruz and also taught a popular course on the social and political content of film at American University. He has been a journalist with *The Wall Street Journal* and *The Washington Post*, and is a full-fledged author with 16 books to his credit, from novels about life in Los Angeles to treatises about finance and culture.

Stein is the epitome of career mobility, having been a speechwriter for Presidents Nixon and Ford as well as an attorney, journalist, author, professor and actor prior to his current gig as game show host extraordinaire.
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How did he get into show businesss? As arts editor for *The Wall Street Journal*, working in California, he began freelancing and writing screenplays. He was at Paramount talking with a friend when director John Hughes heard his voice and immediately cast him as the boring teacher in *Ferris Bueller* —"totally serendipitous," says his wife, Alexandra Denman. Other roles include a rabbi in *Miami Rhapsody*, a public works official in *Ghostbusters II* and science teacher Mr. Cantwell in the television series *The Wonder Years*.

Al Burton, a friend who was a producer in Hollywood, pitched the idea of the game show to Stein in 1997. "When he asked me if I wanted to do it," Stein recalls, "I thought they'd be giving me the answers. I didn't think they'd cheat — I just figured they would put a notice in the credits about it. But it's worked out fine after all." In addition to the game show, Stein also hosted a talk show on Comedy Central for a couple of seasons. What separated that show from other talk shows was that Stein would sit with one guest for a half-hour, permitting more in-depth conversations. "You could learn something," says Stein.

Thirty-six years after graduating from Columbia, Stein numbers several classmates among his closest friends — David Paglin, Arthur Best, Neill Brownstein and Larry Lissitzyn, all members of the Class of 1966, and fraternity brothers Radford West, Chuck Hamilton and Charlie Hewes, all '66, and Clem Sweeney '64. Another close friend from Alpha Delta Phi was Grant Roberts '66, now deceased.

"My Columbia friends," he says, "all wish they had careers like mine. I have a friend who's a venture capitalist and who makes a million times more in a few minutes that I will make in a lifetime. But he doesn't get the enjoyment out of life that I do. I get a kick out of being rich and famous — you get a certain amount of adoration wherever you go. There are some people who say you're a scumbag, but they are aberrant personalities."

Being rich and famous and smart is all well and good. Being a Columbia graduate is icing on the cake. But there are better measures of worth, Stein will tell you. There's his wife of 32 years, Alexandra ("a saint"), and his 13-year-old son, Tommy ("a god"). And there's the chance, like Ferris Bueller, to appreciate it all.

"'Life goes by pretty fast — if you don't slow down, you might miss it,'" Stein quotes. "That's totally true. I try to be conscious of that. Sometimes, I go into my son's room and just sit there and watch him play video games. I became a parent later in life, and I am grateful for the blessing. I think the great majority of humans fail to understand how important it is to be grateful for the everyday moment."

Hollywood doesn't seem so far from Morningside Heights, after all.

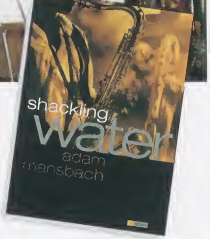
Nancy Fitzgerald, *a freelance journalist and the parent of a College alum, has never appeared on* Win Ben Stein's Money, *but was once a contestant in the play-at-home version of* The Price Is Right. *She won a year's supply of Rice-a-Roni, the San Francisco treat.*

Adam Mansbach '98

Makes Waves WITH Hip Hop NOVEL

Fusing the intellectual and the aesthetic

BY NINA WILLDORF '99



TOP: Adam Mansbach '98 *performs vocals with Groove Collective at the Prague Jazz Festival in 1997, when he was in Europe to study hip hop culture on a Richmond B. Williams fellowship.*
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LEFT: *Mansbach at work on his next book.*
PHOTO: PETRA RICHTEROVA

With a languid swagger, Adam Mansbach '98 assumes a makeshift stage in the back room of Newtonville Books in Newton, Mass. With a microphone in hand, a black suit and black undershirt as his uniform and a three-piece band to back him, Mansbach reads from his debut novel, *Shackling Water* (Doubleday, 2002).

Truth be told, *reading* isn't quite the right way to put it. The performance mixes rhymed verse, rapping, and, at moments, singing. Stepping out in front of a podium, Mansbach uses his words as musical notes; they rise and fall over strains of improvised jazz. His consonants are jarring punctuation, his vowels are crowing notes, and his bobbing head provides emphasis.

Mansbach is reading from the beginning of his novel, which describes the life story of Latif, a black boy from Boston's inner city who experiences a harsh coming of age through music. In Mansbach's fictional world, America, he writes, is "not melting pot but mixing board, wedged between two turntables and a microphone, amalgamating tortured newness from the scraps of dying sonic dynasties."

Is that Latif speaking? Or Mansbach? On a 15-city tour of the United States, Mansbach, 25, has been making waves with his unusual way of fusing literary readings with musical shows that infuse a jaunty, beat-conscious hip hop vibe with more standard literary fare. He juxtaposes jazz influences, hip hop beats and rhymes and shoutouts to his literary luminaries with the cross-genre rapid flow of Cornel West.

The audience at Newtonville Books, composed equally of middle-aged folks and twenty-somethings, watches him; some appear bemused, others nod their heads in time politely, getting into the rhythm. All clap enthusiastically at the end of the performance cum reading cum concert.

Spending equal time in bookstores and clubs as program coordinator for Columbia's Center for Jazz Studies (www.columbia.edu/cu/cjs/) and improvisational hip hop artist, and now touring with *Shackling Water*, often called "a hip hop novel," Mansbach straddles many artistic worlds.

"Adam brings the aesthetic and the intellectual together in a powerful fusion," says Michael Eric Dyson, author of *Holler If You Hear Me: Searching for Tupac Shakur* (Basic Books, 2001) and professor of religious studies and African-American studies at the University of Pennsylvania. Dyson taught Mansbach at Columbia in 1998 when he was visiting professor of African American Studies.

Early on, Mansbach, a native of Newton, a wealthy, predominantly Jewish suburb of Boston, found himself drawn to the heady and heated world of hip hop, where artists such as Public Enemy and Run-D.M.C., he found, were saying something politically important. "I got a sense that the community that I was living in had a hypocrisy to it, particularly around things like race," he explains via phone from his apartment in Fort Greene, Brooklyn. "I felt like people weren't grappling with race on its most profound levels. I had a sense of that injustice from a young age."

At 12, Mansbach started listening to Public Enemy, Jungle Brothers and N.W.A., early hip hop artists who broadcasted progressive political awareness. "I became radicalized at a young age," Mansbach says. "Rap then was aggressive in what it was trying to do. I had a little kernel of indignity and outrage and I started trying to do something about it." Mans-

bach started making his own art, performing at spoken word nights in Boston. He made waves wherever he could in his community, protesting, for example, to have the Black Panthers included in his seventh-grade history class curriculum.

But it wasn't until years later, as a sophomore at the College, that the politically minded, artistically inclined youth was to finally channel that enthusiasm, indignity and artistic eye into his first piece of work.

Mansbach studied English at Columbia under Ann Douglas, George Stade and Kenneth Koch, among others. He also audited a class on hip hop at NYU with Tricia Rose. "The class made me see how hip hop could be critiqued from a place of understanding and respect for it," Mansbach recounts. "I decided I needed to put that dialogue in writing."

Mansbach took the discussion uptown, launching a magazine called *Elementary: A Journal of Hip Hop Culture*, which *Columbia* wrote about in its Winter 1996 issue. Douglas acted as a faculty sponsor for the project, which Mansbach developed as an independent study under her direction. "He's a fabulously talented, unbelievably energetic, interesting, brilliant young man," Douglas raves. "Frankly, *anything* Adam wanted to do was fine by me."

Supported in part by grants from the University, *Elementary* included an intelligent mix of essays on the genre from graffiti art to dance to music. With a full-time staff of four students, Mansbach was able to woo contributors including Chuck D, Greg Tate, Delfeayo Marsalis (Wynton's brother) and Professor Robert O'Meally, who has continued to work closely with Mansbach as his adviser in his part-time position consulting with the Center for Jazz Studies. "We set out to create dialogue and give it the space to flourish," Mansbach explains. "We were interested in talking about where hip hop had gone." In particular, the journal addressed "the missteps that hip hop had taken since its peak political awareness from 1989–91."

Some of the journal's soul-searching topics included the value and political impact of graffiti art and fatherhood's impact on hip hop artists. Mansbach also published an essay by Marsalis titled "The Art of Hip Hop?" a provocative question about whether, in fact, the genre could be classified as art.

Throughout, Mansbach says, "Columbia was really helpful and supportive to me," financially and academically, allowing him to take six independent study credits for three consecutive semesters while publishing the journal. "Someone told me," he said with a laugh, "that I set a record for taking the most independent study credits."

Elementary, which had national distribution and a circulation of about 10,000 copies, folded after its Spring 1997 issue, only its second. The distributor went under, the busy students were strapped for time and money was increasingly hard to drum up.

By this point, Mansbach, then a junior, had started to write. He received a grant from the English Department, the Richmond B. Williams Traveling Fellowship, which allowed for him to study hip hop in Eastern Europe. "Studying" involved linking up with two musicians and doing vocals in a "rap, hip hop, jazz trio" that played on street corners from Prague to Amsterdam to London. "The research was extremely informal," he admits, adding, "but I learned a lot."

Back at Columbia, Mansbach concentrated on getting more grants that would allow for him to write. "I was always up in the English office talking to Michael Mallick [the department coordinator]," he recalls. "I got cool with him. I'd walk in and say, 'Yo! Where's the money?'

"Whether they liked what I was doing, or no one else applied," Mansbach muses, the department continued to support his work. He estimates that he was awarded six or seven separate grants that totaled as much as $30,000. The last one, the Karen Osney Brownstein prize, was enough to support him the summer after graduation before he started his M.F.A. at Columbia's creative writing program, when he toiled away on *Shackling Water*. Simultaneously, he was working on a book of poetry, *Genius B-Boys Cynics Getting Weeded in the Garden of Delight* (Subway & Elevated, 2001).

Shackling Water drew mostly critical praise. Adam Baer noted in *The New York Times* that Mansbach "displays a gift for fusing the improvised energy of street speak with that of spiraling jazz riffs." *The Boston Globe*'s Amanda Heller allowed that while Mansbach can speak out of character, the end product is an exhilarating "style assault." Michael Eric Dyson, who contributed a quote to Mansbach's cover, praises him for his "lean, elegant sentences and sharp insightful prose."

But Mansbach's interest in race, his protagonist's being from the inner city in Boston, and even his way of adopting vernacular jive at his readings has struck some as jarring. Who is this white guy from Newton, and how can he write a black protagonist? "I was very skeptical that someone white could write [a black protagonist]," acknowledges *The Washington Post*'s Natalie Hopkinson. Yet, as she wrote in an advance piece for the *Post*, "About halfway through the novel, many of the questions that its authorship raises — 'Does this white boy know what he's talking about?' — are forgotten, and it becomes a simple story about a young artist struggling to find his voice."

Still, that's a question that Mansbach encourages people to ask. "I'm trying to foster that conversation about race," he says. "Especially when I speak at schools, I am waiting for people to bring [that question] up.

"I've always taken the privilege of being allowed to participate in black culture very seriously," says Mansbach. "I encourage a certain amount of suspicion. I try to be self-critical and honest and come at it from a place of love.

"So why is it that I'm into James Baldwin and Ralph Ellison and Richard Wright, as opposed to white authors and musicians?" he asks. "It's not about race as much as aesthetic and emotional sensibility, and where you find that sensibility is here." Of his book readings, he acknowledges, "It's certainly going to be some people's first experience with hip hop. Part of my agenda is to make people reconsider their notions about where they place certain [artistic] forms in their hierarchies."

Dyson adds, "His love and appreciation for black culture has spurred him to be that much sharper, more critical. It's yielded a high degree of insight. I understand the resistance, but this young man should be listened to and heard from. He has thought long and hard about issues, not only about black people but also about American culture."

For now, Mansbach is turning back to his Judaic roots for his next book, which is about an Afrocentric white Jewish boy — a topic, it appears, that is similarly close to his heart.

Nina Willdorf '99, *a writer for the* Boston Phoenix, *is working on a book about living well on a small budget that is scheduled to be published by Sourcebooks in spring 2003. She has written for* Glamour, Health, Entertainment Weekly, Blender, *and* Forward.

Bookshelf

Alexander Hamilton: Writings, edited with notes by *Joanne B. Freeman*. The Class of 1778 dropout, revolutionary leader and first Secretary of the Treasury is the first Columbian with his own volume in this series of classic American texts and authors (Library of America, $40).

The Street of the Four Winds by *Andrew Lazarus '47*. In this novel, a present-day College reunion at Arden House sparks ambivalent memories in an alumnus who was involved with four women and a cast of colorful characters when he was a journalist in post-World War II Paris (Durban House, $15.95 paper).

The New Love and Sex After 60, revised edition, by *Robert N. Butler '49* and *Myrna I. Lewis '65 & '00 Social Work*. The *Library Journal* describes this completely revised and updated edition of the 1976 classic as "best all-around self-help sex manual for older adults"; from a psychotherapist and her husband, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Why Survive? Being Old in America* (Ballantine Books, $14.95 paper).

The French Revolution by *Thomas Carlyle*, introduction by *John D. Rosenberg '50*. In his introduction, the William Peterfield Trent Professor of English and Comparative Literature praises this 19th-century classic as having a poetry that "consists in being everywhere scrupulously rooted in historical fact." (Modern Library Paperback Classics, $17.95).

The Year of the Genome: A Diary of the Biological Revolution by *Gerald Weissmann '50*. This collection of brief essays, most written for the e-journal *Praxis Post*, range from a discussion of potentially harmful interactions of herbs and prescription drugs to a meditation on the dangers of an anthrax outbreak following the 9/11 terrorist attacks (Henry Holt and Company, $26).

Toilet Trained for Yale: Adventures in 21st-Century Parenting by *Ralph Schoenstein '53*. A parent, grandparent and comedy writer brings his humor and personal experience to this scathing look at out-of-control parenting that gets children worked up to attend the wrong Ivy League college (Perseus Press, $20).

Living a Life That Matters: Resolving the Conflict Between Conscience and Success by *Harold S. Kushner '56*. Practical advice and inspiring stories that encourage us to satisfy our natural craving for significance by doing good; from the celebrated author of *When Bad Things Happen to Good People* (Knopf, $22).

Journey to the Heavenly Mountain: An American's Pilgrimage to the Heart of Buddhism in Modern China by *Jay Martin '56*. One man's expedition to sacred spaces in the People's Republic and conversations with ordinary Chinese people fosters a new appreciation of Buddhist monasticism in modern China and the diversity of Buddhism's many adepts (Hohm Press, $16.95 paper).

Sam's Legacy by *Neil D. Bramwell '57*. In this whodunit for readers of all ages, Aunt Julie must leave her Greenwich Village home to solve two murders and figure out who is after Sam (XLibris, $30.99 cloth, $20.99 paper).

Paul Robeson: Essays on His Life and Legacy, edited by *Joseph Dorinson '58* and *William Pencak*. Originally presented at a 1998 conference at Long Island University, these essays discuss the life and enduring significance of the actor, entertainer, author and Law School graduate, who was arguably the most prominent African-American of the first half of the 20th century (McFarland & Company, $45).

The Enduring Vision of Norman Mailer by *Barry H. Leeds '62*. The Central Connecticut State University professor's second volume on the iconic and iconoclastic American author focuses on his more recent novels and essays and is as much a celebration as literary critique (Pleasure Boat Studio, $18 paper).

The Plays of Shakespeare: A Thematic Guide by *Victor L. Cahn '69*. This guide focuses on 35 recurring themes in the Bard's opus, the key characters for whom the themes are most important and the implications of these themes for our understanding of his seminal plays (Greenwood Publishing, $19.95).

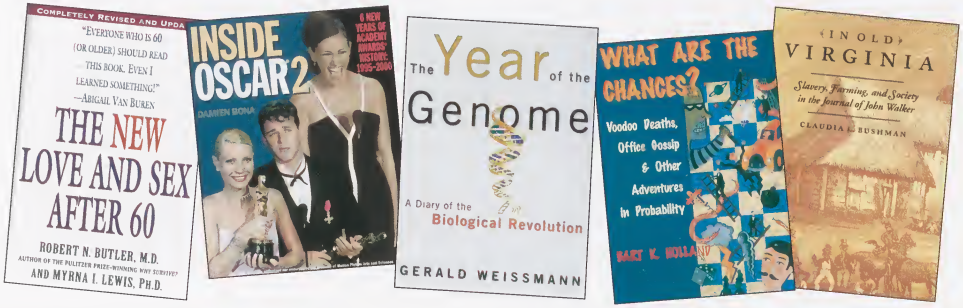
Jewish Songs for Classical Guitar, arranged by *Fred Fastow '69*, edited by *Jeffrey Van*. This collection of sheet music for 25 Sabbath, holiday and folk songs has a companion CD with the songs performed by the arranger (Transcontintental Music Publications, $19.95 paper, $16.95 CD).

KidsHealth Guide for Parents: Pregnancy to Age 5 by *Steven A. Dowshen, Neil Izenberg '72* and *Elizabeth Bass*. The team behind the highly successful KidsHealth Web site brings readers a comprehensive, jargon-free guide that covers everything from "baby basics" to discipline issues with toddlers (Contemporary Books, $19.95 paper).

After the End: Representations of Post-Apocalypse by *James Berger '76*. A study of the pervasive post-apocalyptic sensibility in recent American culture and the ways in which real historical catastrophes have shaped perceptions of what reality will be like in the future; from an associate professor of English at Hofstra University (University of Minnesota Press, $18.95 paper).

Inside Oscar 2 by *Damien Bona '77*. From the epic *Braveheart* through the epic *Gladiator*, this second unauthorized compilation of Academy Award memories captures controversies, personal stories and glamour surrounding the coveted golden statue during 1995–2000 (Ballantine Books, $16 paper).

What Are the Chances? Voodoo Deaths, Office Gossip & Other Adventures in Probability by *Bark K. Holland '77*. Surprising examples, ranging from the Roman Senator Cicero to a Beatrice, Neb.,



church in 1950, demonstrate the wonder and versatility of probability and statistics in action (Johns Hopkins University Press, $24.95).

Method by *Mark Salerno '78*. One reviewer described this collection of sonnets about love and other themes as "highly charged lyrics of daily life"; from the editor of *Arshile: A Magazine of the Arts* (The Figures, $10 paper).

The Last Automat by *Lou Orfanella '82*. This 48-page volume of poems, in one critic's words, combines "strong, vivid imagery with a genuine human strength" (Argonne House Press, $9 paper).

Snap to Grid: A User's Guide to Digital Arts, Media, and Cultures by *Peter Lunenfeld '84*. A self-described "idiosyncratic guide to the interactive, telematic era," a study of the trajectories that digital media has traced on the cultural imagination, and a meditation on electronic media's relationship with more traditional forms of media (The MIT Press, $32.95 cloth, $16.95 paper).

The Hand of the Poet: Poems and Papers in Manuscript, edited by *Rodney Phillips*, with *Susan Benesch '86*, *Kenneth Benson* and *Barbara Bergeron*. Columbia poets featured in this volume, based on a New York Public Library exhibition on the craft of poetry, include Jack Kerouac '44, Allen Ginsberg '48 and Professor of English and Comparative Literature Kenneth Koch (Rizzoli Books, $40).

The Best of Animals by *Lauren Grodstein '97*. The 10 short stories in this collection, the author's first book, chronicle teens and twentysomethings who are struggling with the onset of adulthood and a world infused with pop culture (Persea Books, $23.95).

In Old Virginia: Slavery, Farming and Society in the Journal of John Walker by *Claudia L. Bushman*, adjunct professor of history. A microhistory of a Virginia farming community, based on 43 years of journals by a local planter who lost status when he became a Methodist, started raising wheat instead of tobacco and began treating his slaves as people (Johns Hopkins University Press, $42.50).

A Princely Imposter: The Strange and Universal History of the Kumar of Bhawal by *Partha Chatterjee*, visiting professor of anthropology. The first study of the claims and significance of the ash-streaked, traveling holy man, who residents of eastern British Bengal proclaimed in 1921 as the Second Kumar of Bhawal, a man believed to have died 12 years earlier (Princeton University Press, $65 cloth, $19.95 paper).

War, Institutions, and Social Change in the Middle East, edited by *Steven Heydemann*, associate professor of political science. This collection is an attempt to understand the role of war preparation and war making on states and societies in the troubled Middle East (University of California Press, $60 cloth, $29.55 paper).

Conflict and Tradeoffs in Decision Making, edited by *Elke U. Weber*, professor of psychology, *Jonathan Baron* and *Graham Loomes*. The contributors to this collection demonstrate how conflict not only is crucial for decision making but also plays a role in the development of emotion, especially of regret (Cambridge University Press, $64.95).

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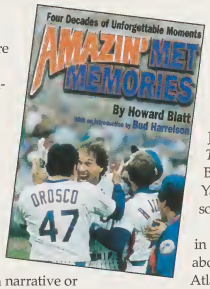
Simply Amazing



Don't call them New York's other baseball team. Although they're not as old and don't have as many championship rings as their counterparts in the Bronx, the New York Mets have fans who are just as loyal. Now, with *Amazin' Met Memories: Four Decades of Unforgettable Moments* by **Howard Blatt '75**, Mets fans — and baseball fans in general — can relive the best memories of the team from Flushing, Queens.

Unlike most baseball books, *Amazin' Met Memories* doesn't offer a narrative or chronology of the team from its earliest days. Instead, Blatt has written a self-described "history of highs": the 20 greatest post-season games, the 25 greatest regular season games, the all-time greatest Mets team. Blatt's logic is simple: While a fan may forget how a player was obtained or even his career stats, no real Mets fan could ever forget Mookie Wilson's grounder that skipped between Red Sox first baseman Bill Buckner's legs in Game 6 of the 1986 World Series.

"Of all the baseball books out there, not one is based on memorable games, memorable moments," says Blatt. Moreover, with 17 years separating the team's two World Series championships (1969, 1986) and another 14 years before another World Series appearance, Blatt believes that "the only connection [between Mets teams] is the people who watch." He's tried to tap into fans' "emotional connect" with the team and "personal memory of the game and the moment."

Although he now lives in Maryland, Blatt is a native New Yorker, originally from the Flatbush neighborhood in Brooklyn. His father was a Dodgers fan whose heart was broken when the team moved to Los Angeles in 1957, but who couldn't shift his loyalties to the American League team from the Bronx. Blatt inherited his father's affinity for the National League, and the Mets were the beneficiary.

Blatt, who was sports editor of *Spectator* during 1973–74, is well qualified to write about the Mets, and not just because he's a die-hard fan. He spent 16 years at the *New York Daily News*, the last 10 as a sports writer covering the Mets as well as the Yankees, Knicks and Nets. He's written 10 basketball books for young readers, including biographies of Earvin "Magic" Johnson and Gary Payton, and *This Championship Season* (Pocket Books, 1999) about the New York Yankees' record-breaking 1998 season, when the team won 125 games.

After listing the greatest games in Mets history, Blatt adds a chapter about the Mets' 3-2 victory over the Atlanta Braves at Shea Stadium on September 21, 2001, the first major outdoor sporting event in New York after the terrorist attacks that brought down the World Trade Center towers on September 11. Although the Mets were in the middle of a run at post-season play, as Blatt notes, the game was more "about patriotism as a response to terror and evil" and New York City's resilience than baseball.

Blatt's all-time Mets team includes first baseman Keith Hernandez, shortstop Bud Harrelson, catcher Mike Piazza and pitchers Tom Seaver and John Franco. His "all-time busts" includes such forgettable players as first baseman Marv Throneberry (1962–63), about whom writer Jimmy Breslin once said: "Having Marv Throneberry play for your team is like having Willie Sutton work for your bank." There also are lists of the 15 best trades (such as obtaining Keith Hernandez in 1983 from the St. Louis Cardinals for pitchers Neil Allen and Rick Ownbey) and 15 worst trades (starting with a four-player deal that sent a 24-year-old Nolan Ryan to the Angels for Jim Fregosi).

Another highlight of the book is the closing chapter, "You Can Look It Up," a compilation of some of the great quotes in Mets history. Fittingly, the chapter begins with 20 pearls from the late Casey Stengel that are laugh-out-loud funny.

Amazin' Met Memories: Four Decades of Unforgettable Moments is published by Albion Press and sells for $18.95.

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Obituaries

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Tresham D. Gregg Jr., sculptor and business owner, Haines, Alaska, on February 1, 2002. Raised in New York City, "Ted" Gregg left his advertising job to join the Navy at the start of World War II. He served in Honolulu; Adak, Alaska; and Washington, D.C. In 1946, while stationed in Washington, D.C., Gregg and four other veterans purchased Fort William H. Seward in Haines. Gregg moved to Haines in 1947 with his wife, the former Mimi Guyer, whom he married in 1941, two children and his mother-in-law. Life in Alaska on a vacant Army post was harsh for the family; however, Mrs. Gregg said, "With Ted, nothing was impossible." Gregg and his family opened The Craft Shop, a store that sold furniture, bowls and toys that Gregg fashioned from local birch trees. He also crafted an altar for the Presbyterian church as well as chairs for schools throughout the state. Gregg later owned and operated The Dalton Trail House, a bar and bowling alley that now is the Fort Seward Lodge. In the 1950s, Gregg started the Strawberry Festival to attract visitors and "show residents a good time." It boosted the Haines economy and was said to be Gregg's greatest success. Gregg also was a founding member of Lynn Canal Community Players (LCCP) and a master set builder for the troupe, which first performed in 1957. In the 1960s, Gregg taught sculpting at a federally funded manpower training school in Alaska. He also worked as a longshoreman and, with a partner, started Alaska Holiday Adventures, a tour company. Gregg enjoyed a good party and often wore a smoking jacket and cravat at dinner parties. He also collected hats. Gregg was a volunteer firefighter and member of the American Legion, the Elks and a bridge club. He was instrumental in creating the Haines Senior Village and was a founding member of the local igloo of the Pioneers of Alaska. His award-winning floats were the highlight of many local parades. In the last 25 years, Gregg and his wife traveled extensively. Said former newspaper publisher Ray Menaker '43, a lifelong friend and fellow LCCP member who met Gregg in Alaska, "Ted was very creative and had real talent … He was a doer, and not just a talker." Gregg is survived by his wife; children Tresham III, Annette Smith, K.A. Swiger and Allan; six grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and sister, Grace Brown.

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Herbert M. Leavitt M.D., retired dermatologist, Bethlehem, Pa., on September 19, 2001. Born in the Bronx in 1915, Leavitt graduated from the Long Island College of Medicine. During World War II, he was a captain in the U.S. Public Health Service, where he founded and directed a rapid treatment center for syphilis in Albuquerque, N.M., taking part in trials involving penicillin as a treatment for syphilis before it became commercially available. Leavitt practiced dermatology in Easton, Pa., for 42 years, including a number of years in practice with his daughter. He was chief of dermatology at Easton Hospital, where he was involved in nursing and medical education, and also was program chairman of the Foreign Policy Association of Lafayette College. In addition, he served on the board of Skillman Library. Leavitt was a member of the American Medical Association, Pennsylvania Medical Society and the American Academy of Dermatology, as well as other organizations, and helped found the Lehigh Valley Dermatological Society. Leavitt is survived by his wife of 62 years, the former Naomi R. Berenberg; son, Dr. Jonathan D.; daughter, Dr. Nancy R. Matus; and four grandchildren.

Roger C. Norton, Camden, N.Y., on February 10, 2002. Norton was born on May 11, 1911, in Albany, N.Y. He graduated with a B.S. in electrical engineering, earned a master's degree the following year and later earned a second master's from Cornell. He joined Western Electric and worked on airborne radar during World War II, and later participated in the development of communication towers along the New York State Thruway. He also worked on the St. Lawrence Seaway with New York Telephone before reriting in 1976. Norton married the former Elaine Hoff in 1943. They lived in Camden since 1947 in a stone house built by Norton's grandfather, Elmer Clarke, in 1904. Norton was involved with his local PTA, Cub Scouts, 4-H and Lions Club, from which he received the International President's Award. He also traveled extensively in the United States and abroad. Norton was a licensed pilot and enjoyed tennis, sailing and skiing. He is survived by his wife; five daughters, Mary Young, Ruth Norton, Martha Wilson, Patricia Krueger and Catherine Estill; seven grandchildren; a sister; a brother; and several nieces and nephews. Norton's son, Roger, died in 1989, and a brother died in 1990.

Edward V. Zegarelli '34

Edward V. Zegarelli D.D.S., oral pathologist and former Dental School dean, Sleepy Hollow, N.Y., on September 2, 2001. Zegarelli was born on September 9, 1912, in Utica, N.Y. He received his degree in dental surgery at the School of Dental and Oral Surgery in 1937 and was asked to join the faculty as an assistant. In 1942, he received a master's in pathology from the University of Chicago. Back at Columbia, Zegarelli rose to full professor by 1957. In 1958, he was appointed to an endowed chair, the Dr. Edwin S. Robinson Professor of Dentistry. He served as dean from 1974 until his retirement in 1978. An oral pathologist who cataloged and documented the more than 400 known diseases of the mouth and jaw, Zegarelli also directed the dental service at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in the 1970s. As director of the stomatology division from 1958–77, he began to identify and describe systematically those illnesses and correlate them with microscopic findings. Broadening his research, Zegarelli developed therapies to treat some of the diseases he described and taught his findings to generations of students. He wrote four textbooks in the 1960s and contributed to books on the thyroid, diagnostic X-rays and cancer of the head and neck, as well as more than 175 articles in professional journals. Zegarelli was a former president of the New York Board of Dental Examiners; a founder and former chairman of the North East Regional Board of Dental Examiners, which provided for newly graduated dentists to receive licenses valid in more than 30 states (Zegarelli contributed the written part of its exam); and former president of the Council on Dental Therapeutics of the American Dental Association. He served as a consultant to many hospitals, medical centers and boards, including the FDA and the U.S. Public Health Service. He also received numerous honorary awards and gave myriad honorary lectures. During the tenure of the Shah of Iran, Zegarelli was chosen to head a consortium of American dental schools to establish an American style and system of dental education at Palavi University. Zegarelli was involved in philanthropic organizations, including the United Way and the Rotary Club. He was devoted to the Catholic Church and was appointed a Knight of St. John of Jerusalem. Zegarelli is survived by his wife of 62 years, Irene Ceconi Zegarelli; four sons, Edward Jr. '70GS, Dr. David J. '65, '69SDOS, Philip E. '70, '76SIPA and Dr. Peter J. '74, '78SDOS; two sisters, Lillian Stivali and Anne LaPorte; and 11 grandchildren.

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David Crook, also known as David Cook, retired teacher, revolutionary and author, Beijing, on November 1, 2000. Crook was born on April 14, 1910, in London, where he was educated at Cheltenham College. At 18, he left for New York. After graduation from the College, he returned to England. Crook became a communist, and in 1936 went to Spain to join the International Brigade as a volunteer for the Republicans. He was recruited by Stalin's Communist International (Comintern) to spy on Trotskyists and anarchists within the republican movement. From Spain, he was sent to Shanghai to report to his Soviet mentors. There, he lectured in English at a mission university. According to a memoir written in his later years, Crook regretted much of his work as an agent once he changed his perception of Stalinism. In 1940, Crook traveled to Chengdu in West China, where he met his wife, Isabel, the China-born daughter of Canadian mis-

sionaries. After long and hazardous separate journeys to England, the couple was married in London. Crook joined the Royal Air Force during World War II and was sent to India, Ceylon (Sri Lanka) and Burma (Myanmar). After the end of the war and following some postgraduate studies, the couple returned to China. In 1947, they evaded a nationalist blockade to cross into a communist controlled area in north China, where they gathered material for their 1959 book, *Revolution in a Chinese Village*, which presented a positive picture of China. Crook and his wife began long careers as English teachers at the Beijing Foreign Languages Institute (later the Foreign Studies University). Crook was at the university until his retirement. In 1967, he was arrested and charged with spying and spent more than five years in prison, mostly in solitary confinement. Upon Crook's release in 1973, he joined an editorial team that produced a Chinese-English dictionary still in use. Crook's last years were spent in the Beijing apartment that he and his wife had occupied since the 1950s. According to a letter that *CCT* received from his wife, "David treasured his years at Columbia." Crook also is survived by his sons, Carl, Michael and Paul.

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Joseph N. Coviello, football coach, high school principal and athletics executive, North Bergen, N.J., on February 26, 2002. Coviello was born in New York City and lived in West New York, N.J., before moving to North Bergen 40 years ago. At the College, Coviello earned a degree in history and played football. He earned a master's from the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences in 1938, but began his coaching career in 1937. Coviello taught social studies and was the head football coach at Berwick (Pa.) High School until 1943 and served in the Navy from 1943–46. Following that, Coviello became the head football coach and a social studies teacher at Memorial High School in West New York from 1946–60. He then moved to North Bergen High School where he became the first head football coach and principal, working there from 1961–71. Coviello also served as the head of the state Football Commission during the 1960s. In 1973, he returned to Memorial High School and served as its principal until 1984. Coviello finished his coaching career at St. Peter's College in Jersey City, directing the team from 1974–78. He held the mark as the winningest high school football coach in New Jersey from 1972 until recently, having won 254 games at three high schools over 33 years. In 1984, Coviello was inducted into the National High School Sports Hall of Fame; he also was a charter member of the Hudson County Sports Hall of Fame. In 1985, he was inducted into the St. Peter's College Athletic Hall of Fame. Coviello spent his last few years as a consultant for the New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association and as the executive secretary-treasurer of the Hudson County Interscholastic Athletic Association. He is survived by a daughter, Marylu; and sister, Catherine Montella.

1937

Frederick Harold "Hal" Marley, alcohol and drug abuse counselor, Arlington, Va., on February 24, 2002. Marley was born in Lenoir, N.C., and earned a degree from the Business School in 1939. While at Columbia, Marley played trumpet in a small dance band, which once performed at a society function at Sardi's. This would be the beginning of a lifelong relationship between Marley and Sardi's, where 60 years later the maitre d' would greet him by name. Marley continued to play trumpet in a dance band, touring the United States and globally. He began his military career in 1941, working primarily in educational and professional-development assignments. From 1955–58, he was stationed at the U.S. Embassy in Warsaw. In the years immediately preceding his military retirement, he was on the faculty at the National War College, where he specialized in politics, economics and military affairs and was an educational adviser to the commandant. He also served as a State Department employee assistance chief. Marley was a 37-year member of Alcoholics Anonymous and was known to thousands of recovering alcoholics throughout the Washington, D.C., area and the world as an apostle of what he called "an attitude of gratitude." He had thousands of specially designed "attitude of gratitude" pins, one of which he habitually wore on his lapel, and he always carried extras. He gave them away to other alcoholics with the suggestion that they should be grateful for their sobriety; Marley thus became known as "Dr. Gratitude." At AA meetings, he would cite the laws of physics that stipulate that two different things cannot occupy the same space at the same time and then declare that a heart overflowing with gratitude would have no room for fear, resentment, anger or hatred. He established

Victor J. Zaro '42

LONGTIME CLASS PRESIDENT

The Great Class of 1942, as it is called by its members, is known around the Alumni Office for its devotion, generosity, involvement and class newsletter. Perhaps the most visible member of this class was its president, Victor J. Zaro. A retired corporate executive, real estate developer and investor who split his time between his residences in Wayne, Pa., and Mulberry, Fla., Zaro died on April 11, 2002, in Mulberry, just a short time before his class' 60th reunion. He was 82.

Born on November 23, 1919, in Buffalo, N.Y., Zaro attended the College, majoring in business administration, thanks to a scholarship that covered the $400 tuition. He was president of his senior class, an honors student, a member of Sachems and a brother in Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Zaro was active in sports while at the College, participating as varsity wrestling captain and a first-year football player. He won the Jochum Trophy three times as most valuable wrestler.

After graduation, Zaro served in the Navy Air Corps from 1942–46 and piloted PBM Martin Mariners in the Atlantic and Pacific theaters in World War II. He was discharged as a lieutenant, and his decorations include the Air Medal with four stars.

From 1949–58, Zaro served in a number of executive capacities with American Machine and Foundry in New York, including director of operations for personnel and operations manager of AMF's nuclear laboratories. In 1958, he joined Philco in Philadelphia as manager of industrial relations. In 1960, he founded the Victor J. Zaro Co., a real estate investment firm that owned apartment complexes and industrial parks. He remained active in the company until the early 1980s, at which time he began to gradually reduce his work hours. He was fully retired by 1983.

Zaro was active in alumni affairs since his graduation, and was honored numerous times by the University. For his class' 40th reunion, he spearheaded a fund drive that resulted in a $400,000 gift, for which he was

Victor J. Zaro '42

awarded the Columbia University Medal in 1986 for "conspicuous alumni service" by then-President Michael Sovern. In 1994, Zaro was awarded the President's Cup by then-President George Rupp for his efforts with his class' 50th anniversary gift of $1,985,000. Rupp called Zaro "the exemplar of the enthusiastic, energetic, dedicated alumnus on whom the future of Columbia depends." Zaro also was honored in 1997 by the Columbia University Club of Philadelphia with its Distinguished Achievement Award, which is granted for significant accomplishment to an alumnus who lives or works in the Delaware Valley and who has demonstrated extraordinary loyalty to Columbia. Dean Austin Quigley made the presentation. It is no surprise that Zaro once remarked on a Class Directory questionnaire, "[I have] a deep and abiding affection for Columbia and members of the Great Class of 1942."

Zaro's community-minded and generous involvement extended beyond Columbia. He was a member of Wayne Presbyterian Church since 1959, where he served as an elder, trustee and Sunday School teacher. He also enjoyed leisure activities, especially golf, holding memberships in three golf clubs, including Ballybunion Golf Club in Ballybunion, Ireland. Other hobbies were gardening, carpentry and world travel.

Zaro is survived by his wife, the former Elizabeth (Betty) Miller; daughter, Victoria Loving; sons, Christopher, Timothy and Samuel; and five grandchildren.

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drug and alcohol awareness programs at U.S. embassies throughout the world. A veteran of 24 years of military service, Marley retired from the Air Force as a lieutenant colonel in 1965. But at AA meetings, which he attended and led all over the world, he usually put a different spin on his separation from the service. "I was kicked out," he said, declaring that his alcoholism had left him professionally, spiritually and emotionally bankrupt. After leaving the Air Force, Marley directed educational and vocational training programs in the Job Corps. In the 1970s, he joined the Foreign Service, where he established and led programs aimed at helping alcoholics and drug abusers recover. He established noon AA meetings at the State Department, which he attended regularly until shortly before his death. He retired from the State Department 21 years ago at 65 but continued serving as a consultant. He attended hundreds of AA meetings every year, as well as dozens of luncheons, conferences, conventions and retreats, many of which he helped organize and lead. For more than 20 years, Marley presided with aplomb at the black-tie Christmas AA dinner in Washington, D.C. He is survived by his wife, Rosita.

1940

William Rodman Reeder, retired actuary, Gwynedd, Pa., on December 8, 2001. Reeder, who went by his middle name, graduated in 1935 from the George School in Newtown, Pa.. He received a bachelor's degree in mathematics from the College and a master's in mathematics from Brown in 1941. During World War II, he was in the Civilian Public Service as a conscientious objector to war. Reeder worked for Penn Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Philadelphia from 1941 until his retirement in 1983. An associate of the Society of Actuaries and a member of the American Academy of Actuaries, he started in the actuarial department at Penn Mutual and later worked in the agency department. After retirement, he was a volunteer driver for Meals on Wheels in Abington, Pa. Reeder was a lifelong member of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). He grew up in Langhorne, Pa., as a member of Middletown Friends Meeting, and transferred to Abington Friends Meeting when he and his wife settled in Abington in 1951. He served as treasurer of Abington Meeting and as a member of the Committee of Overseers and the Abington Friends School Committee. Within the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends, he served on the Peace, Pension, Nominating and Meeting House Trust Funds committees. He was an avid gardener and enjoyed traveling. Reeder is survived by his wife, (Grace) Marie Hoyle Reeder; son, Allen; and sister, Jean Reeder Dew.

1943

Robert R. Wagner, physician and university department chair, Charlottesville, Va., on September 15, 2001. Wagner was born in New York City. He graduated from Yale Medical School in 1946 and was chair of the Department of Microbiology at the University of Virginia from 1967–94 and director of the Cancer Center from 1983–93. Wagner conducted research on virology, molecular biology and biochemistry under the auspices of the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation and the American Cancer Society, and his research was detailed in nearly 200 scientific journal articles. He co-edited *Comprehensive Virology* (19 volumes), *The Viruses* and in 1987 wrote and edited *The Rhabdoviruses.* Wagner also convened international conferences and was founding editor of *The Journal of Virology.* He joined the faculty of the University of Virginia in 1967 after teaching at Yale and Johns Hopkins University. Wagner held visiting appointments at All Souls College, Oxford, the USSR Academy of Medical Sciences, the Chinese Academy of Science and the Universities of Giessen and Wuerzberg in Germany. He also was a U.S. Public Health Service fellow at the National Institutes for Medical Research in London and a Rockefeller Foundation Resident Scholar at the Villa Serbelloni in Bellagio, Italy. In 1983, he received the Senior U.S. Scientist Award from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation in Germany. Wagner held the Marion McNulty Weaver and Marvin C. Weaver Chair in Oncology from 1984 until his retirement. He was elected to the Association of American Physicians and the American Society for Clinical Investigation and also served as a past president of the American Society for Virology. Wagner mentored more than 50 research scientists and is characterized in Charlottesville's *The Daily Progress* as "remembered most for his generosity, boundless enthusiasm and devotion to scientific research, teaching, traveling and the arts." Wagner is survived by his wife, the former Mary Burke; and sister, Elaine.

1944

Roy E. Albert M.D., scientist, Cincinnati, on March 25, 2002. Albert was born in New York City

Roy E. Albert '44

and graduated from NYU's School of Medicine. While at NYU, where he became vice chairman of the Department of Environmental Medicine, he worked on lung clearance and tumorgenesis. Albert wrote a portion of the Surgeon General's Report on Smoking. He also served as the director of the Department of Environmental Health at the University of Cincinnati from 1985–94, and later was professor emeritus. In 2001, he received a grant from the EPA. In his career as a scientist in the field of cancer research, which spanned more than 50 years, he published more than 200 papers and a treatise on thorium. Albert was an elected fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He received the Stockinger Award as well as several medals from the EPA for developing the field of carcinogen risk assessment. Albert remained active in later years, attaining his pilot's license after age 70. He was a member of the Seven Hills Sinfonietta, as well as tennis clubs, where he participated in the Senior Olympics. Albert is survived by his wife of 56 years, Abigail; son, Daniel; daughters, Lucy Bermingham, Julie and Elizabeth; and six grandchildren.

1946

Harvey Winston, retired scientist, Los Angeles, on February 5, 2002. Winston was born in 1926 and raised on Staten Island. After earning his bachelor's degree in chemistry from the College, he earned a master's in 1946 and a Ph.D. in 1949 from the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. Winston was awarded the Jewett post-doctoral fellowship sponsored by Bell Telephone Laboratories/ATT for a year's further study in chemistry at UC Berkeley. After an additional year on the teaching staff at UC Berkeley, he joined the Hughes Aircraft Co. in its semiconductor device department, which became its semiconductor division. He remained with this division, becoming a research manager, until 1960, when he left for several years to pursue private interests. He returned to Hughes' research laboratory in Malibu, Calif., where he remained for about a quarter of a century until his retirement. At the laboratory, he formally served as an individual contributor and as a research manager in various areas of electronic materials research, making important contributions to the laboratory's programs. He also served as a sounding board and consultant to many of his colleagues and as a mentor to young staff members trying to learn the ways of their new environment. In his free time, Winston was an eclectic and voracious reader and an amateur musician, enthusiastically playing clarinet, piano and, in his later years, the bass fiddle. He is survived by his third wife, Jessamine; and a son, Alan, and daughter, Rita, from his first marriage.

1948

John B. Mazziotta, teacher, White Plains, N.Y., on March 6, 2002. Born and raised in the Bronx, Mazziotta served in the Navy during World War II and was sent to Okinawa to construct facilities for the next stage of the battle when he and his fellow seamen received word of the A-bomb attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki that ended the war. He returned to the States and enrolled at the College. Mazziotta, a member of Lou Little's 1947 football team that ended Army's 32-game unbeaten streak, played tackle on both offense and defense. After graduation, he taught high school chemistry at Mount Vernon (N.Y.) and White Plains (N.Y.) high schools from 1950 until his retirement in 1986. Thousands of students affectionately called him "Mr. Mazz." After his retirement, Mazziotta continued teaching at Westchester Community College until 2001. True to his Bronx roots, he was a Yankees fan, and was at the stadium on that memorable day when Lou Gehrig '25 told the world he was the "luckiest man on the face of the earth." Mazziotta is survived by his wife of more than 50 years, Adrienne; sons, John '71 and Robert '79; and four grandchildren.

1952

Robert B. Wall Sr., Littleton, Mass., on February 6, 2002. Wall was born in Patchogue, N.Y., on September 3, 1929. At the College, he earned a degree in electrical engineering and was a member of the Navy ROTC. Wall served as a

Robert B. Wall Sr. '52

captain in the Marine Corps during the Korean War and served in the Marine Reserves until 1961. He worked for many years as an electrical engineer for Raytheon and MITRE and served as an active volunteer on many town-related initiatives, including the Littleton Finance Committee. He also was a member of the Littleton Rotary Club. Wall enjoyed woodworking and made furnished doll houses, which he donated to charity. He also volunteered at Camp Nashoba in Littleton, where he ran the woodworking shop. He is survived by his wife, Therese (Bradley) Wall; son, Robert Jr.; three daughters, Alison Wall Jackson, Katherine Wall Hunziker and Elizabeth Bryce Wall; and four grandchildren.

1954

Robert B. Porter, Woodstock, Vt., on February 23, 2002. Born on February 15, 1930, in Riverton, N.J., Porter grew up in Winetka, Ill., and Moorestown, N.J., where he was affiliated with the Religious Society of Friends (the Quakers). He graduated from George School in Pennsylvania and attended Dartmouth and Wesleyan before graduating from the College. Porter served in the Army during the Korean War, then attended the University of Virginia Law School. After a time in Mexico City, where he and his then-wife, the former Monica Ballard, invested in several small businesses including a restaurant and publishing company, the couple lived in Moorestown, where they owned a bookstore. In the early '60s, Porter and his family moved to Vermont, settling in Woodstock in 1972. Porter's middle name was Biddle; he was related through his mother to the Biddles, one of Philadelphia's founding families. According to an article in the April 1, 2002, *Valley News,* "Porter was proud of his background, but never tried to use it to his advantage." In fact, in his later years, he took on a series of odd jobs, such as working at a fast-food restaurant and selling Christmas trees at Wal-Mart. Porter also wrote plays and humorous essays, some of which were published. He was an avid sports enthusiast and enjoyed traveling; the *Valley News* article stated: "When he was roaming, Porter could breathe." Porter is survived by his former wife, with whom he remained close; son, William; daughter, Lydia Simon; four grandchildren; sister, Connie Mercer; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by another sister, Dorothy Carpenter, and a brother, Alexander.

1982

Robert F. Kemp, patent and trademark attorney and adjunct law professor, Oak Lawn, Ill., on March 24, 2002. Kemp was born in Chicago in 1960 and attended Marist High School. At the College, where he earned a degree in political science, he served as president of his class for his last three years. He also served as coordinator of Freshman Orientation in 1981, was assistant editor of *Columbian* and was active in Student Council, the Joint Budgetary and Calendaring Committee, Columbia Television (CTV), WKCR and the Class of '82 Committee. He received the Van Am Prize, the Class of 1920 Room Prize, the Milch Prize, the McOwen Room Prize and the George William Curtis Medal. Kemp was a brother in Beta Theta Pi. He is remembered by many for his 1982 interview with Dr. Ruth Westheimer for *One to One*, CTV's first cable televised program. Upon graduation, Kemp spent a year in France on a Rotary Foundation scholarship. He returned to the United States in 1983 to earn his law degree from UC Berkeley. Kemp also earned an advanced law degree from John Marshall Law School in Chicago, a master's in journalism from Northwestern and an M.B.A. from the University of Chicago. He began his career at what is now Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione, a Chicago firm that specializes in intellectual property law. With two colleagues, Kemp wrote a book on careers in international law that was published by the American Society of International Law. After serving as a law clerk for the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, in Chicago, Kemp entered into private practice, working with two patent firms and establishing his own patent law practice in 1994 in Oak Lawn. Kemp chaired the Trademark and Copyright Committee of the Young Lawyers Section of the Chicago Bar Association and the Education Committee of the Intellectual Property Law

Robert F. Kemp '82

Association of Chicago. He also served as an adjunct professor of law at the University of Chicago, Northwestern and John Marshall Law School. In 2000, he was recognized for his charitable legal work on behalf of entrepreneurs in the south suburbs. Angela M. Macropoulos '82 Barnard remembered Kemp in a note that she sent to *CCT*: "Columbia College was the catalyst for all of Bob's subsequent adventures. He loved Columbia with all his heart. To him, the College stood for possibility, promise, meritocracy and exploration. At Columbia, he could run endlessly for student government positions at a time when we, the adolescents of Watergate, were mostly dispassionate about structured political activity. Creating things, organizing events and learning about people from other parts of the country and the world were so very important to Bob. For him, Columbia was all just one wonderful four-year ride." Kemp is survived by his wife, Susan Zinner-Kemp; two brothers, William Jr. and Thomas; a sister, Nancy Kemp DuCharme; and his mother, Virginia.

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OTHER DEATHS REPORTED

Columbia College Today has learned of the deaths of the following alumni:

1928 **Joseph G. Rothenberg M.D.,** physician, Ithaca, N.Y., on February 27, 2002. Rothenberg earned his M.D. from P&S in 1931.

1931 **Herman Kuhlmann,** Woodstock, N.Y., on January 18, 2001. Kuhlmann received a degree from the Business School in 1932. **Daniel Lipsky,** professor emeritus, Forest Hills, N.Y., on April 8, 2002. Lipsky received a degree from the Business School in 1934.

1933 **G. Nathan Calkins,** Falls Church, Va., on February 2, 2002. **A. Niles Schoening,** Louisville, Ky., on May 8, 2000. **Randolph U. Stambaugh,** Newtown, Conn., on October 26, 2001. Stambaugh received a degree from the Business School in 1933.

1934 **Murray L. Jones,** retired educator, Bronx, N.Y., on August 2, 1999. Jones earned a master's in geological sciences from the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences in 1936.

1936 **Michael A. Gravino,** Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., on March 14, 2001. Gravino earned a master's from the Journalism School in 1937.

1937 **John R. Bross,** retired professor, Moses Lake, Wash., on January 31, 2001. Bross received a Ph.D. in philosophy from the School of Arts and Sciences in 1951. **Thomas G. Budington,** Ronkonkoma, N.Y., on February 11, 2002.

1939 **Norman G. Baker,** West Grove, Pa., on June 15, 2001.

1940 **William A. Coviello,** Leonia, N.J., on December 7, 2000.

1951 **Albert Laurvig,** Torrance, Calif., on November 11, 2001.

1953 **Howard J. Blomquist,** Reading, Pa., on October 2, 2001. **Richard L. Clew,** Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., on October 3, 2001.

1954 **Eugene E. Romano,** Harrington Park, N.J., on November 19, 2001.

1958 **John F.G. Mahoney,** retired science and medical writer, Greenport, N.Y., on November 22, 2000.

1959 **George M. Orphanos,** computer programmer, Anderson, S.C., on April 22, 2002.

1966 **Joseph J. Cody Jr.,** Glen Ridge, N.J., on March 10, 2002. Cody served *CCT* as his Class Correspondent. An obituary will appear in a future issue.

1985 **Preston R. Ferguson,** Richmond, Va., on September 15, 2001.

Globalization, Personal Responsibility Are Themes Of Class Day, Commencement

By Alex Sachare '71, Photos by Eileen Barroso

A year that began with the tragic events of September 11 ended in joy and jubilation as approximately 1,000 members of the Class of 2002 celebrated their graduation at Class Day on May 21 and at Commencement the next day.

Dean Austin Quigley, speaking on South Field on a glorious, sunny morning, urged graduates to uphold their responsibilities as citizens of the world and to "shoulder personal responsibility to make it a better world. Your happiness will come not just from the goods that you acquire, but from the good that you do."

David J. Stern '66L, commissioner of the National Basketball Association, chair of Columbia's Board of Trustees and keynote speaker at Class Day, spoke of globalization and urged the graduates to "commit to furthering your elders' understanding of different cultures." He compared Class Day to "a very special Most Valuable Player ceremony, where trophies are about to be awarded to 1,000 distinguished recipients. Use your trophies wisely."

Salutatorian Daniel S. Immerwahr '02 took up the theme of globalization, declaring, "Global politics are our politics. The notion that America can turn away from the world has been erased by the events of September 11." Immerwahr challenged his classmates to take as much as they could from their Columbia experience and use it for the rest of their lives.

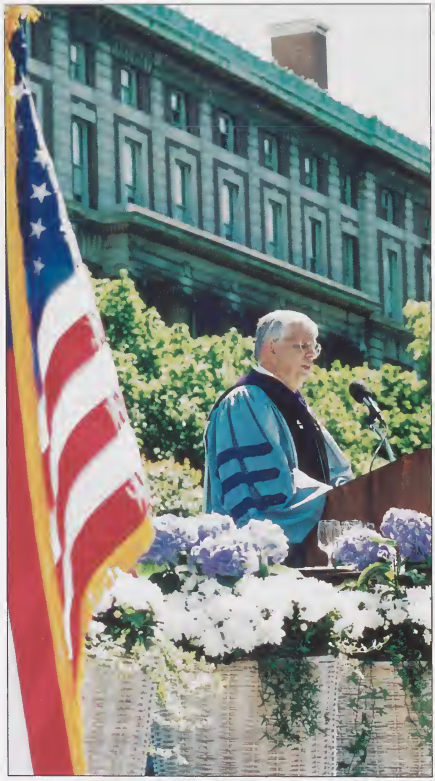
Class Day brought smiles from two generations

Kareen Rozen '02 was recognized as valedictorian, and special awards and prizes were given to Colleen C. Hsia '02. Johnathan Reese '02, Stefanie C. Tsen '02, Charles E. Donohoe '02 and Patrick W. Pearsall '02.

A presentation was made to Jerry Sherwin '55, outgoing president of the Alumni Association, for his tireless work on behalf of the students of the College. Another presentation was made, by the chairs of the Class of 2002 Fund Committee, to Dean Quigley: an envelope containing the name of each senior who had donated to the College Fund and helped the Class of 2002 achieve a record participation rate of more than 50 percent. "It is our hope that our senior gift has set us on a path of giving back to the College as alumni," said Ali Hirsh '02.

At Commencement, outgoing President George Rupp bestowed seven honorary degrees, including one to his successor, Lee Bollinger '71L. Others went to former Senator George Mitchell, author Joan Didion, Brown University President Ruth Simmons, Later American literary scholar Roberto Gonzalez Echevarria, neuropsychologist Brenda Milner and MacDowell Professor Emeritus of Music Jack Beeson. George Yancopoulos '80, '86 GSAS, '87 P&S, was awarded the University Medal of Excellence, which is given annually to an alumnus who has made significant contributions to society.

In his ninth and final commencement address, Rupp spoke of the challenges posed by globalization, saying, "We are all at Ground Zero. Our destiny cannot be divorced from the fate of the rest of the world. One challenge we face together is to make globalization work for the impoverished as well as for the wealthy." Rupp also spoke of the need for a balanced relationship between private incentives and public standards, saying that the private marketplace works best when there are "rules of the game that all the players respect."



David J. Stern *(top left), chair of the Board of Trustees and commissioner of the National Basketball Association, and* Daniel S. Immerwahr '02 *(top center), class salutatorian, both spoke of globalization at Class Day ceremonies as seniors celebrated (center) their graduation. Above, part of the processional that filled Low Plaza for the University's 248th Commencement. At left,* Dean Austin Quigley *accepts an envelope containing the name of each senior who donated to the Columbia College Fund and helped the Class of 2002 achieve a record participation rate of more than 50 percent. He is joined by Senior Fund chairs (from left)* Ali Hirsh '02, Pooja Agarwal '02, Sarah Palestrant '02 *and* Scott Koonin '02.

Class Notes

[Editor's note: The deadline for this issue prevented class correspondents from reporting on their 2002 Reunions. Look for much news about this event in the September issue.]

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"Each time I receive *Columbia College Today*, I look for news of the Class of '33. Finding none, I wonder if I am getting to be a lone figure, lost in the quantum of time.

"My name is **John Randolph Phelps '31**. Due to the famous crash of '29, my graduation was delayed until '33. I am a member of the Iota Chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma. While I was at Columbia, I was active in the Glee Club, playing piano solos occasionally at some of the concerts. I was active in the Varsity Show between 1929–33 and composed several of the songs. If you look in the *Columbia College Today* Varsity Show edition (Fall 1994), you will find my picture on page 33. I am fifth from the left in the picture of the 1929 Pony Ballet!

"In 1928, the Columbia Glee Club spring trip took it to Buffalo. At that point, I left the club to go to Rochester to pick up a 1928 Cadillac for my father, who was returning from St. Petersburg, Fla., by ship to New York, and needed a way to get home to Newark (New York). So, for about four months, I, a first-year at the College, had a brand-new Cadillac at my disposal! Frequently, some of my fraternity brothers and I would jump in the car and make it to the Metropolitan Opera House in time to pay 50 cents to some man at a side door to be admitted to the highest balcony to see and hear the opera. How delightful! Another special occasion was when I drove up the Hudson River with my fraternity brother, **Ronald Peck '31,** to sit on the shore to watch the winning Columbia crew come down the river.

"I have lived in a wonderful retirement community in Florida, Sun City Center, for 30 years as of this month. I directed the Women's Chorus, affectionately called Johnny's Angels because they made such heavenly music, for 20 years. I had been the organist for the SCC Methodist Church for 14 years until they retired me at the age of 90. I now enjoy playing the piano for a wonderful Country Fiddlers group. We perform for clubs all over town that receive us most enthusiastically. I also play chess faithfully every Wednesday afternoon at our local club, being ever optimistic that I might be able to improve my game.

"I would love to hear from any of my classmates — Barnard and Columbia — or fraternity brothers who are still active. They can reach me at jrphelps1@juno.com."

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Joe Coyle, who went from Columbia to the Long Island College of Medicine and became a surgeon, has eight children and 13 grandchildren, scattered all over, while he and his wife live alone in the big family home. His knees are badly arthritic, so he walks with a cane.

Irving Gold must be the last of us who still commutes five days a week to run a business. He travels from Scarsdale to the Manhattan jewelry district to run a fine jewelry plant inherited from his father. He's up early, catches a 6:30 a.m. train, and goes to bed early. Neither his two children nor his grandchild is interested in taking over the business.

Tom Budington died in Ronkonkoma, N.Y., on February 11, 2002.

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Ernest (Ernie) Geiger: We recently learned that Ernie had not gone to his office, as usual, on the 89th floor of the North Tower of the World Trade Center on 9/11/01. The initial fireball resulting from the impact of the plane was on floors above and below his office. All who were in that area that morning were lost. Fortunately, Lady Luck must have been with Ernie that day. As a result, he is alive and well. He was greatly disturbed by the events of the day, and, until recently, found it difficult to talk about his reaction. In 1993, Ernie was in his office when the the World Trade Center was bombed.

Seymour (Sy) Trevas, who lives in Manhasset, N.Y., reported the arrival of his first great-grandchild. He is registering Gabriel Drew Zalot for admission to the Class of 2023. Sy is retired chairman of the Travers Tool Co. of Flushing, N.Y. He spends time taking courses and lectures at Hofstra University designed for seniors. He also loves to visit museums, attend theater, play bridge and travel. He recently retuned from a vacation on the Virgin Gorda island.

John Crymble still is the quintessential College alumnus. He called to tell me about the results of recent athletic events and to comment on the outcome for Columbia.

James (Jimmy) Zullo, a retired physician, still lives in Sarasota, Fla. He lost his wife, Helen, four years ago. He has overcome a four-year battle with bladder cancer and is doing well.

Weldon Booth also retired to Sarasota and is Jimmy's neighbor. They meet frequently for golf and other activities.

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Keeping up the tradition, **Jerome Kurshan**'s granddaughter, Ariella, will enter Columbia College this fall with the Class of 2006.

Irving Schwartz M.D. is dean emeritus of the Mount Sinai Graduate School of Biological Sciences and president emeritus of the Life Science Foundation. His wife, Felice, was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame for founding in 1946 and leading the National Scholarship Service and Fund for Negro Students, which was concerned with major initiatives for integration and improvement of race relations, and for founding and serving for 31 years as president of Catalyst, an entity that works with corporate America to help women advance in business and the professions and to address the problems encountered by two-career families. Irving's son, James, was cited as among the 24 best American science writers in 2001.

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Ah, the power of the media. In response to my "please write," I received some mail!

Doug Gruber writes from Sun City Center, Fla., that he is making a slow but steady recovery from shingles, which he came down with early in December 2001. He concurs with a friend who informed him that "Getting old is not for sissies." Doug also reports the death of **Quentin T. Brown** in Sterling, Va., which occurred late in 2001. Quent had sustained a stroke earlier in the year. Surviving are his wife, Louise, a son, a daughter and three grandchildren.

George R. Schmidt, who lives in Anchorage, Alaska, was a mining engineer who worked for the Bureau of Land Management and retired in 1985. He says he now gets "paid to stay out of the office." His wife, Lucy, died in 1967 but he has three children — identical twin sons, both engineers, who live in Alaska, and a daughter who lives in England. George has six grandchildren. In June 2000, he learned that he has chronic myelogenous leukemia. We all certainly wish him the best.

N.T. Wang's written an autobiography, *My Nine Lives*, published by Writers Club Press and recently released. He presented excerpts from the book on April 22 at SIPA. Cynthia and **Arthur Friedman** were among the attendees.

Joe Coffee now is a Manhattanite, having sold his home in New Jersey. This places him closer to some of his family and to Columbia.

A sincere thank you to all the letter writers. I hope more of you will do the same.

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The deadline for these notes came and passed during preparations for our 60th reunion. Notes in the next issue of *CCT* will tell that story. Meanwhile, we are still absorbing the news of the loss of our class president. **Vic Zaro** was the original loyal Columbian, a friend to all of us and the glue that held our class together. We were planning the reunion together. Carrying on

was not easy because it involved breaking the news of Vic's death to so many old friends. Our thoughts are with Vic's family. *[Editor's note: Please see obituary on page 23.]*

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Gordon Cotler: Latest in his well-received series of short stories about a New York City detective is "Farber Loses a Dependent," which lit up the June issue of *Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine*.

Mort Lindsey: Gifted composer-conductor-music director continues to decline suggestions that he pen a memoir. He worked with legends including Judy Garland, Barbra Streisand and Merv Griffin. He graces a TV talk fest now and then, most recently *Larry King Live*, and celebrates sage, energetic and vocally-talented spouse, plus heirs and assigns.

Leonard Koppett: Master sports scribe of Baseball Hall of Fame repute continues his artful crafting of an intriguing new book to be titled *The Rise and Fall of the Press Box*. This young gent's a recognized historian, too, with a treasure trove of lore, anecdotes and past participles.

William E. Drenner: A '44 Phi Beta Kappa and retired banker who was as tough as he was intelligent succumbed to Parkinson's on April 15 in Fort Worth. While this column doesn't usually report such, his family's suggestion that friends may celebrate this multi-talented Southern gentleman with contributions to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 710 W. 168th St., Columbia University Medical Center, New York, NY 10032-9982 merits consideration.

Dr. **Robert Fishman:** Superbly savvy in physician stuff as professor of neurology at Medical School of University of California in free-spirited San Francisco, he rejects the standard definition of emeritus to come in several days a week to advance medical knowledge. His neurology textbook is in its second printing.

Walter Wager: Suggests that fast-talking '44 lads who phone with news leave their names or at least an alias. He used his real byline in a May article on BookExpo America for the Denver *Post*.

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With regret, I report that the only correspondence I have received is from Don M. Mankiewicz '42, who questioned the reported number of spectators at the 1934 New Year's Day football game in Pasadena, Calif., when Columbia upset favored Stanford 7–0. The number listed in the previous issue of *Columbia College Today* was incorrectly stated at 3,500 when it should have been 35,000, according to the *Home News* (New Brunswick, N.J.) article of January 2, 1934. Don thought the attendance was about 75,000, which he recalls from memory as one who saw the game with his father, Herman '17, who, as a Columbian with great faith in his college team, made a huge bet on the Lions despite the odds favoring Stanford. I am sending the newspaper article to Don with thanks for his input. Nice to think of such an important Columbia football victory before a crowd of any number. I regret to say that, as is true with all the Ivy League teams, the attendance at Columbia football games these days might not be double the 3,500 mentioned in the previous issue. Anyone have a brilliant idea in regard to increasing the attendance at the games?

As you might know, your class correspondent is a certified graphologist who studied the subject at Felician College in Lodi, N.J., for three years. I constantly am amazed how often the theory is substantiated in actuality. Look at the 1898 note written by Mark Twain on page 24 of the Spring 2002 issue of *Columbia* for just two interesting traits of graphology. Notice the d's in the words "obliged" and "sending" in the second line and "hard" in the fifth line. They are not natural d's as taught in school but are referred to as "delta d's" in graphology terms. Also, notice the g's in "obliged" in the second line and "Spring" in the ninth line. They resemble the number "8." These graphic expressions indicate culture, a creative mind, literary talent and one who has a "way with words." Fit Mark Twain?

I notice on page 43 of the same magazine the article "How the Gesture Summons the Word." Robert Kraus, a social psychologist and director of the Human Communication Laboratory at Columbia, writes: "We make movements with our hands to help us think." Would this statement have relevance for graphology? I should like to confer with Kraus and other members of the psychology department at Columbia about the significance of graphology and would be interested to hear their comments about the meaning of the traits in Mark Twain's writing. Hope someone brings the comments to their attention.

By the way, Kraus and some classmates might be interested in the definition of handwriting as given by an eminent graphologist. "Handwriting is the permanently visible record of graphic communication and behavior produced by dynamic impulses from the brain and expressed by the mind through time and space in unique neuromuscular and psychological patterns according to the personality of the writer." How does this definition fit in with your writing?

Classmates, this is the only kind of thing I can do with this column if you don't send news. I would rather be writing about the interesting things you are doing in your lives. Please let me hear from you.

Our honorees this time are **Herbert M. Margoshes** of Marblehead, Mass.; Dr. **John C. Nelson** of NYC; Dr. **John S. Peck Jr.** of Malibu, Calif. and **Lester H. Rosenthal** of Merrick, N.Y. May we hear from or about these honorees?

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Your Class Secretary got a wonderful needle from **Paul Barenberg** about a great goof in the March notes. Paul had been looking for classmates from DeWitt Clinton and mentioned that **Fred Kavaler** had died. In my column, I asked other Clinton grads to write to Fred instead of Paul. Once again, Paul's e-mail is a3624c@aol.com.

Paul gave me a great bit of history of Chester County, Pa., where he lives. West Chester, the county seat, has been known for many people and events. Samuel Barber was born and raised there. Bayard Rustin sat in school next to a friend of Paul's. Lincoln stopped off once and gave a speech on Market Street, and, in 1825, Lafayette reviewed the troops on East Lafayette Street after a visit to the battlefield. The local historical society must be very proud of Paul.

Howard Clifford had asked what had happened to **Herb Gold.** Herb, obviously a careful reader of this column, responded with a wonderful letter. He enclosed a column he had written for the *Los Angeles Times* in which he takes the publishers to task for such words as "debut" for a first novel or play, the word "riveting" when applied to mysteries and other novels, and finally, "hopefully." Herb says that to use "hopefully" to mean "I hope" is the death of language. He states, "At our age, we have a right to curmudgeoness, don't we?" Herb added that he has "great nostalgia for Columbia days, just a moment ago."

I sent Herb's material to Howard, who is settled in Bent Forks, N.D. He is trying to start a croquet league but says it is hard to find a flat surface that isn't sand. Howard mentioned some other classmates he would like to hear from: **Pete Miller, Mike Pincus** and **Norm Cohen**. Send your news to me and I will pass it along to Howard.

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By the time these notes have been edited, printed and mailed to classmates anxiously waiting to devour every delectable item, many of us will have attended our 55th reunion. The news here related may be stale, well past its "use by" date, but your correspondent must fulfill his bimonthly obligation to our charming yet insistent Class Notes Editor. Therefore, in order of receipt, the first note is from **Bob Pease,** who has sold more than 21,000 copies of his books. Two titles, *Dead Ahead* and *O.I.U.*, are going into their fifth printings. Still, he seeks a major publisher and hopes one or more classmates can give him a good contact. His address is in the Alumni Directory, or can be supplied by your correspondent.

Dan Hoffman, who appears to have found good publishers, relates that the Louisiana State University Press has issued his ninth book of poems, *Darkening Water*. Dan is Professor of English Emeritus at Penn and lives in Swarthmore, Pa.

Finally, setting aside personal views, your correspondent is constrained to pass along, in brief, the cri de coeur received from B. James Lowe '51, who asks all concerned to join him in urging the College administration to reinstitute the NROTC at Columbia, "evicted" (his term) during the Vietnam War period.

Personal note: This is being written on an antediluvian word processor, as your correspondent "don't know from the Internet." Apologies are hereby offered to our Class Notes editor for the extra work involved. Must wonder: Am I alone, or are any other classmates in the same predicament?

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Once again, I'll report on classmates in the reverse alphabetical order of their surnames. This lets me start with **Thomas H. Weyr,** whom I remember as a very likeable guy. At Columbia, Tom and I began a lifelong friendship with the late Mark Strage '49, who, after retiring early from magazine editorship, wrote three wonderful books, *Cape to Cairo: Rape of a Continent* (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1973), *Women of Power: The Life and Times of Catherine De'Medici* (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1976) and, most uniquest, *The Durable Fig Leaf: A Historical, Cultural, Medical, Social, Literary, and Iconographic Account of Man's Relations with His Penis* (Dorset Press, 1980).

In the Lion's Den, Tom, Mark and I used to play gin rummy with each other and others at a quarter of a cent a point, the going rate in those days. Tom became an international journalist, covering the building of the Berlin Wall for ABC in 1961. In the '80s, he wrote a book about Hispanics in the United States. Last July, he left *DM News International,* a monthly trade paper that he had edited for seven years, to work full-time on his second book, under contract with Oxford University Press, about Vienna under Hitler. Accordingly, he lives half the time in Vienna, doing research and writing, and now is well into the book.

Tom credits me with unwittingly affecting his life by telling him at the 10th class reunion — by which time my wife, Anna, and I had already had our four children, whereas he was unmarried — that no, he wasn't single, as he said, but a bachelor, a thought that he says led him to marry the first girl who would have him. His second marriage lasted 25 years, and his third is going on 11. His wife, Nancy, makes his half-years alone in Vienna bearable by taking trips with him — most recently to Berlin — when she can get away from her job as an editor at *Reader's Digest* books. Tom's daughter, Garret, has her third novel coming out and has sold her fourth, and his youngest child, Tara, makes movies in Budapest about dinosaurs. Tom's address in New York is 6 Wildway, Bronxville, NY 10708; otherwise, it is Alserstrasse 35/24, 1080 Vienna, Austria.

A brief letter from **Jean Turgeon** thanking me for my write-up of him in March 2002 said that "seeing it in print sort of makes me relive that period." Perhaps it's time for Jean — and all of us — to write our *memoires*! I use the French spelling because Jean lives at 452 Mt. Stephen Ave., Westmount, Quebec H3Y 2X6.

In the last edition of these notes, I promised to have more information about **Robert Silbert**. I was kept from seeking it by the fatigue caused by a long bout of pneumonia, from which I think I am recovering, that triggered or exacerbated what is diagnosed as congestive heart failure (i.e., inefficiency), for which I am taking digitalis. I hope to feel stronger sooner and to get in touch again with Bob. As you may surmise, these notes are based entirely on e-mails and letters that originated with their subjects.

One such welcome letter came from **Burton R. Sax.** Burt began by writing that he appreciated reading about classmates, then pointed out that each year, he and his grandchildren are the only ones who show up at Homecoming to represent the Class of '48. He ended by asking, "How about some more attendance from you other people?" You can address your apologies, excuses, promises or whatever to Burt at 174 Birch Dr., Manhasset Hills, NY 11040-2322.

An e-mail brought me the sad news that **John B. Mazziotta** died on March 6. John was born and raised in the Bronx, and, as a lifelong Yankee fan, was at the stadium on the day when Lou Gehrig '25 said that, despite having to retire because of illness, he was the "luckiest man on the face of the earth" for having played with Babe Ruth and been a part of many great New York Yankees teams. During the Second World War, John served in the Navy and was sent to Okinawa to help prepare for the planned invasion of Japan that was precluded when the Hiroshima and Nagasaki A-bomb attacks quickly led to the end of the war.

After returning home and enrolling at Columbia, John was a member of the Lou Little-coached football team that in 1947 ended Army's 32-game winning streak. He wore number 74 and played tackle on offense and defense, as was common in those pre-platoon days. After graduating, John taught high school chemistry at Mount Vernon, N.Y., and White Plains, N.Y., high schools, where the students, who enjoyed his classes, called him "Mr. Mazz." John retired in 1986 but taught a class at Westchester Community College until last year. In 1997, he attended the 50th anniversary celebration of the 1947 Lions' victory.

John leaves Adrienne, his wife of more than 50 years; two sons, John C., a professor of neurology at UCLA (whom I've known for 20 years as a leader in brain mapping), and Robert, a dentist in Bethesda, Md.; and four grandchildren. *[Editor's note: Please see obituary on page 24.]*

I'm sure that many of you remember Herbert Gold '46, author of many books, the latest of which are *Daughter Mine* (St. Martin's Press, 2000); *Best Nightmare on Earth: A Life in Haiti* (Touchstone Books, 1992) and *The Age of Happy Problems* (Transaction Pub, 2002). In a delightful letter, in which he enclosed a copy of his witty criticism of publishing clichés published in the March 24 issue of the *L.A. Times*, he corrected a grammatical error that I committed in the March 2002 notes, where I wrote "whom he says was" where I should have written "who he says was." This correction made me laugh like hell, because I am a pedantic perfectionist who finds and corrects innumerable grammatical and spelling and other errors in every contemporary book I read, even in Jacques Barzun '27's recent magnum opus. (This seems like a good spot to recommend a book by two Richards, Lederer and Dowis, *Sleeping Dogs Don't Lay: Practical Advice for the Grammatically Challenged.)*

Herb was sweet enough to say that I must have made the error deliberately, just to elicit a moan from him. This gave me the idea of creating the term "most uniquest," used above, in hopes that it will evoke from Herb not so much a moan as another letter and enclosure. For letterhead, Herb used a copy of a portrait sketch that shows him with a beard, something I don't recall him having at our last get-together about 25 years ago, a meeting he kindly said it was now time to repeat. I think Herb was already living at his current address, 1051 Broadway, San Francisco, CA 94133.

At that meeting, after discussing Herb's championing of a local prostitutes' movement for respect and legality, I had the pleasure of telling him that a next door neighbor he hadn't recognized was not only another writer but also a Columbia alumnus of our era, **Thaddeus Golas.**

Tad already was almost living on the royalties of an 80-page paperback he self-published in 1972, *The Lazy Man's Guide to Enlightenment*, which he peddled daily to lunching office workers at the foot of Market Street. He added to that income by renting his apartment during the working day to a pornographic film production company, whose members shooed him out every morning before Tad could see anything other than that they were as emotionally close as a family. Tad and I became friends in 1947, when he liked a poem of mine in the *Columbia Review* that jibed with emotions he had felt while fighting in the Battle of the Bulge. After graduation, Tad worked for publishing firms in New York and then the midwest until he became an acid-dropping guru in San Francisco in the '60s and wrote his book, which two decades later was being published by a commercial publisher and has since been translated into umpteen languages. He has lived on its royalties ever since. We stayed friends for about 40 years, until I annoyed him by teasing him as "Pan Golas," which means "Mr. Golas" in Tad's ancestral Polish but implied that I found his philosophy too much like that of *Candide*'s Pangloss, who agreed with Leibnitz that this was the best of all possible worlds, or, as Tad put it in his book, "love it the way it is." Alas, he stopped loving me the way I was, and we've been out of touch for years. I think he recently moved from Sarasota to the east coast of Florida. Perhaps, if he reads this, he will resume writing to me, if only to bawl me out again for not taking his ideas seriously enough and to tell me how many copies of his book have been sold in how many languages. I hope so.

Finally, you may recall that the March notes included an acrostic poem by Fred DeVries '49 '50E. In a subsequent e-mail, Fred asked whether, if his poem were not even doggerel, might it be catteral? I'll close with the limerick I sent Fred in reply:

"I regret there's no genre called 'catterel'
That lies next, which is to say, lateral —
To the old one called 'doggerel.'
Nor is there 'froggerel,'
Or, to be cattier, 'ratteral.'"
Your turn, Fred!

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I received a warm and welcome letter from **Charlie Bauer,** from which I quote in part: "I guess I'm lucky to be alive (74) today! I also am lucky that I was married for 40-plus years to a great gal who always was well but died three years ago from metastatic cancer. We had two sons and one grandson, who was born just before she died. My only advice to all of my classmates, and everyone else, is 'Don't give up; keep fighting. M.D.s often are mistaken (even if

you go to Columbia and Harvard Med School).'" He adds a P.S. to the effect that he hopes that I can read his scribble, and one is happy to say that his hope is not misplaced. All the best to you, Charlie, from all of us!

Congratulations are in order for another of our medical types: **Dominick Purpura,** dean of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx, reported completion of the college's 18,000-square-foot Gruss Magnetic Resonance Research Center, which he describes with pardonable pride as "the only facility in the metropolitan area, and one of only six in the world, to use sophisticated high-field magnets to provide imagery on the human body and its cellular components with precision and detail that is not possible with conventional MRIs." A photo story appears on the front page of the April 21, 2002, *New York Times* Real Estate section.

I had the pleasure of attending the 50th anniversary reunion of my Law School class May 3–4, where it seemed that all but a lucky few of us had grown quite older! All were astonished at the changes, physical and curricular, that were described and demonstrated to us.

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Philip Ferro is busier than ever as a physician and teacher. Fortunately, his wife, Barb, a Realtor, also is a workaholic and both are going full speed in their careers plus some extracurricular activities. Phil not only continues his private practice of Ob/Gyn in Syracuse, N.Y., but also for 12 years has been a full-time member of the faculty at the SUNY Upstate Medical University. In addition, he teaches physician assistant students from LeMoyne College where, incidentally, his daughter teaches biology. Phil says: "I feel I have the best of both worlds with private patients and my academic duties."

All the foregoing is in the career realm. In their spare time, Phil and Barb have raised Morgan horses, competed in carriage-driving competitions and now breed and show Norfolk Terriers. ("Just to fill in our days!" Phil says.) He adds: "I often gratefully look back on my Columbia education and appreciate the broad area of knowledge to which we were exposed. So many of today's students have a narrow, overly focused experience when they arrive at medical school."

Bernard Prudhomme occasionally travels to Colorado and California to visit family. He and his wife, Jackie, plan to tour Normandy this year where, he says, "I plan to broaden my French vocabulary and my waistline." Bernard has a serious word of advice for classmates, based on his recent experience with prostate cancer which, fortunately, had a good outcome. "Do yourself and your loved ones a big favor and have your prostate checked at least once a year. I look forward to seeing you all again in 2005."

John Rosenberg, still active on the Columbia faculty, sent me a "quickie" because he had "lots of essays to grade" (it was that time of the academic year) to let us know that he has written an introduction to a new Modern Library edition of Thomas Carlyle's great prose epic, *The French Revolution*.

Gerald Weissmann combined his medical-research and literary careers in his latest book, *The Year of the Genome: A Diary of the Biological Revolution,* which was published in May by Henry Holt & Co. The book's 35 vignettes, according to the Barnes & Noble review, trace awe-inspiring discoveries of 2000 and 2001 and lead the reader down the social and scientific pathways taken by the researchers. Detailed reviews are available at www.barnesandnoble.com.

In April, Gerald, **John Hollander** and **John Rosenberg** attended the 200th anniversary celebration of the Philolexian Society.

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Bring back the NROTC to Columbia! That was the almost unanimous response to our invitation in the March issue of *CCT* to express your sentiments. Both **B. James Lowe** and your class secretary received large numbers of replies that encouraged the class meeting of April 13 to approve a motion to return the NROTC to Columbia. In the months ahead, appropriate action will be taken to make this position known to Columbia's administration.

Confidentiality precludes publishing specific names and comments on this controversial topic. However, a letter from **Warren A. Wanamaker** contained a paragraph that summed up class feelings on the matter. Warren wrote: "Columbia has a role to play in bringing balance between the traditional *laissez faire* liberalism that characterizes the Columbia education and the organization-

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Dean's Day 2002 was an event not to be missed. On April 13, '51 was represented by **David Berman, Ted Bihuniak, Carroll Brown, Joseph Buda, Robert Flynn, George Koplinka, Archie MacGregor, Warren Nadel, Nis A. Petersen, Frank Raimondo, Stanley Schachter, Robert Snyder, Elliot Wales, Paul Wallace** and **Ronald Young,** along with numerous spouses. **Jay Lefer** and **John Cervieri** joined the group for the evening dinner festivities. Congratulations to the Columbia College Office of Alumni Affairs and Development for another splendid day on the Morningside campus.

As noted in *The New York Times*, **Phillip Bruno** and Clare Henry were married in St. Peter's Church in a chapel designed by the artist Louise Nevelson. Phillip is a director of the Marlborough Gallery in New York City. He has established collections at college and university art galleries and museums, including one at Columbia. Ms. Henry reports on art for the *Financial Times* of London and was for 20 years the art critic for *The British Herald* in Glasgow. She graduated from the University of Reading in England. Best wishes to both!

With our 50th anniversary reunion behind us, **Elliot Wales** has written this retrospective for our class:

"As I look about Columbia, I see a lot of history and am overcome with memories. In September 1947, we arrived on the campus with optimism and hope. We had a strong commitment to a liberal arts education and after that to professional goals, a strong commitment to the Core Curriculum seasoned with literature, philosophy, art and the humanities.

"At that time, Columbia was a national school with a strong regional presence. The College was all male and mostly white. Things have changed for the better. Today, half of the students are women, and there is a strong presence of Asians, Latinos and African Americans. Many of the faculty are women. The College is an international school with a strong national presence.

"In September 1947, the world looked hopeful. World War II had ended, and it appeared that peace was coming at last. The United Nations had been formed with headquarters in New York City. Internationalism was developing and the isolation of the '30s becoming ancient history. Our country initiated the Marshall Plan and the rebuilding of Europe financially and industrially.

"In 1947, we watched the partition of Palestine; the next year the creation of the state of Israel. In the same year, we observed the partition of India, the decline of colonialism and the rise of independent nations in Africa and Asia. The 1948 presidential election was very much an upset, with Truman defeating Dewey. Truman's election continued our country's commitment to internationalism. Its impact upon the campus was profound, expanding the study of other civilizations, other regions, other nations.

"In 1949, the world was beginning to change. The Cold War was developing. Fear of the Soviet Union and communism became prevalent in the Western world. We watched the Alger Hiss trial and the rise to public acceptance of Richard Nixon and Whittaker Chambers. Following civil war in China, communists gained control of the government and the nation from Chiang Kai-shek.

"By 1950, we had the beginning of McCarthyism. With it came the attack on intellectualism and scholarship. We had the growing acceptance of conformity as opposed to diversity. Levittown and the suburbs developed, along with the hydrogen bomb and the nuclear race between super powers. J. Robert Oppenheimer, who in good faith opposed the development of the H-bomb, was ostracized from government and professional physics associations. In June, the Korean War began. When we graduated in 1951, many of our classmates entered the service. During our four-year program at the College, despite profound threats to our peace and stability, we did not lose our commitment to excellence in education and professional growth. Looking back years later, it is remarkable how, with growing obstacles to our life and education, we maintained our healthy attitude and our dedication to core values."

Nis A. Petersen will write these notes for the September issue of *CCT*, followed by **Ralph L. Lowenstein.** Both are newly elected assistant class secretaries. News, comments and opinions from classmates are always welcome and appreciated.

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Charles Jacobs enjoys the benefits of the electronics age. He is able to do his work whether at home in New Jersey or Florida (where he spends the colder months). However, he does manage to squeeze in two concentrated weeks of skiing. He is editor-in-chief of an international travel Web site, has just sent his first novel to the publisher and is under contract for a nonfiction book about a shocking murder trial.

Frank Walwer, a retired law school dean and a member of the Senior Lawyer Division of the American Bar Association, co-chairs a national effort to involve more senior lawyers in legal education and professional development at the law school level. This involvement should minimize his intrusion into Mary Ann's territory in the kitchen.

Joe Di Palma keeps getting more and more recognition: He received Congressional recognition for his 2001 Smithsonian Benefactors Circle Award.

These notes were written shortly before our 50th reunion, and this is my penultimate column. I have been boring you for perhaps some 20 years, and it is time for someone new. I hope to be able to introduce my successor in September, when I'll also fill you in on much of what went on at reunion. Meanwhile, drop me a note or an e-mail with any news that you have. Regards.

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There's good news! **Ralph Schoenstein,** our published class humorist, has written a new book: *Toilet Trained for Yale*, published by Perseus Publishing. Ralph holds the Playboy Award for Humor and is the author of 16 books including the *I-Hate-Preppies Handbook*. He was the co-author of a number of Bill Cosby's bestsellers. His new book is a magically funny romp. Cosby wrote, "If you care about kids as much as I do, you'll love this wise, tender and hilarious look at what childhood should and shouldn't be." According to Jimmy Breslin, "Ralph Shoenstein writes these marvelous smiling pages, with each one prompting glee from the reader." *Toilet Trained for Yale* is the kind of book that members of the class will find uproarious. I found myself laughing aloud page after page.

Our 50th Reunion in 2003: The reunion committee, under the leadership of **George Lowry,** is moving ahead to solidify plans for the great event. If you would like to join the committee please send George an e-mail at lowrys@aol.com.

To commemorate their 50th reunion, many classes publish a booklet with pictures of classmates along with their prestigious resumes. The reunion committee felt that at our advancing years, it isn't likely that any of us will be hired by someone impressed with our résumés. Thus, we've come up with another idea. We're asking all classmates to recall their favorite anecdotes about professors, teachers, coaches, classmates and events. The stories can be funny, poignant, sad. Anecdotes should include comments about professors who had enormous influence on our lives. For example, in a letter announcing the publication of his new book, **Ralph Schoenstein** wrote, "I wish Mark Van Doren, Joseph Wood Krutch and Andrew Chiappe were alive to read it. They all showed me what the English language could be." The idea is for us to publish a book for a 50th reunion that will capture the excitement and fun that we had and leave evidence of what life was like in the early '50s.

Sad news: **Allan Jackman** writes from San Francisco that **Marvin Haiken** passed away on January 4 after a long battle with esophageal cancer. About 20 years ago, Marv married one of Ajax's patients. An obituary in the *San Francisco Chronicle* indicated that Marv had been the assistant director at the Center for Judicial Education and Research, a division of the state's Administrative Office of the Courts, and had retired in 1992. As an environmentalist, Marv was involved in battles to preserve open space in Marin and Sonoma counties, including the fight to prevent the development of the Marin headlands.

I haven't learned the details, however, it appears that **Mirek Stevenson, Ed Meloni** and **Joel Dolin** also have passed away.

Ajax writes from California that **Julian Waller** retired from a professorship at the University of Vermont Medical School. Ajax also writes, "I had a delightful breakfast in Beverly Hills last August with **Len Korobkin** as well as several other fraternity brothers. I am back in touch with **Don Hymes,** who came to my house in Tiburon last fall with his wife, Valerie (of almost 50 years). Don and Val have a son who lives

and works in Silicon Valley. They had a marvelous time looking through my old bound volumes of *Spectator*. I have every issue of our four years on Morningside."

Good going, Ajax. Could you read every issue looking for anecdotes we might include in our planned book for the 50th reunion?

Please send along information about yourself, your family or any of our classmates for the next edition to the e-mail or address above, or call (203) 372-6961.

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Ed Cowan and his wife, Anne Louise, were in Southern California visiting relatives and making the tour of Major League Baseball parks. Carol and I were so pleased that we were able to get together with them here in San Diego. Ed continues on a part-time basis as an editor at the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research.

Brian Tansey has moved into Amish country in southern Ohio and is active (and talented) in an American subculture, namely those who love and perform on the dulcimer. He also has started a new career as a furniture refinisher. Southern Ohio today, maybe Williamsburg tomorrow … who knows?

Bob Weber occasionally sends e-mails that are funny and oh, so true. The latest had to do with a comparison of 1970 and 2000 … 30 years makes a difference … 1970: long hair, 2000: longing for hair. And then there's 1970: moving to California because it's "cool", 2000: moving to California because it's warm.

Please be healthy, wealthy in spirit and never forget the influence that Columbia College has had on us before and after 1954. Also, we are only two years away from our 50th, so please let us hear from you.

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Despite the apparent serenity on campus with most of the student body away for the summer, working, traveling, and even following their dreams, there is still a lot of activity on Morningside Heights.

Low Library is being refurbished, to be completed in time for various late fall events. A new floor is finally being installed at Levien Gym for the first time since the facility opened in 1974. The undergrads who are still on campus can be seen preparing for the new student orientation that will take place late August for the Class of 2006. (Believe it!). There are jazz concerts, which are held on South Field and attended by a goodly number of people from the nearby neighborhood and people drifting over from other parts of the city. A little further downtown on 110th Street, the work on the school and residence is rapidly moving, with talk about completion in 2003. The restaurants and shops along Broadway and Amsterdam (affectionately known as SoHa by *The New York Times*) are bustling with people, visiting, doing their errands and just enjoying themselves.

Most importantly, Lee C. Bollinger has taken the reins as president of Columbia University. After meeting him briefly, one could describe him as professorial, comfortable in talking to students and alumni about any topic, sincere and a person who listens to what you are saying. It looks like he is living up to, and even surpassing, expectations.

As we slowly move through our 47th year since graduation, our classmates seem to be as active as ever attending Columbia events and leading interesting lives. Dean's Day, held April 13, is a prime example of how the Class of '55 responds to an event on campus. We had the most attendees of any class at the lectures given by the school's all-star faculty. There were the usual suspects and others we hadn't seen in a while: **Alfred Gollomp,** breaking away from his tennis game with **Dick Kuhn,** came in from Brooklyn; **Jay Joseph** and **Steve Bernstein** drove in from Long Island; **Elliot Gross, Bob Pearlman** (the old engineer) and **Howard Loeb** trekked across the river from New Jersey; one of the regulars, **Donn Coffee,** who now is tri-coastal, came from Los Angeles, and now is in London; **Nick Moore** motored down from Riverdale as did **Herb Finkelstein** from Ossining; and there were the Manhattanites: **Julius Brown, Bob Brown** (another regular), **Don Kresge, Don Laufer, Ed Siegel** and, in a rare appearance, which we hope will become a regular occurrence, **Herb Rubinowitz.** There are a couple of doctors and many lawyers in this group. All are still practicing, I believe.

At an occasion honoring outgoing President George Rupp, the class was represented by **Allen Hyman** and **Anthony Viscusi,** who both live in Manhattan, and **Jim Berick,** who flew in from Cleveland to attend the dinner in Low Library as well as other meetings. Jim sends regards from **Al Lerner,** who could not attend the event.

Earlier this year, **Harold Kushner** spoke at the 92nd Street Y in Manhattan to an overflow crowd. The subject was the Ten Commandments and how taking them seriously can change your life. In case it slipped our minds, Hal's most recent book is *Living a Life That Matters: Resolving the Conflict Between Conscience and Success* (Knopf, 2001). We heard from **Tony Blandi** in Florida. Tony received a visit from **Herb Levine,** who he had not seen in more than 45 years. Dr. Herb was a tenured professor of political science at the University of Southwest Louisiana for 20 years and has been a freelance writer in the Washington, D.C., area since 1985.

Washington, D.C., will be visited by the Columbia men's basketball team later this year when young Lions participate in the Red Auerbach Classic. Details will be forthcoming for an alumni event surrounding the team's appearance. We know **Jerry Plasse,** practicing in Owings Mills, Md., will be interested, as will **Warren Cohen,** who is a history professor at the University of Maryland Baltimore County. Warren lives with his family in Potomac, Md. Other guys in the D.C. area we hope to see are **Sheldon Bloom,** a consultant/retired attorney; **Henry Hubbard,** also a lawyer; and the all-league fencer, **Stanley Zinberg,** still active in his Ob/Gyn practice in the nation's capital. New York ex-patriot **Roger Stern** lives in Chevy Chase, Md., and is a real estate exchange adviser. Although Roger misses the New York theater, he enjoys residing where he is.

From the West Coast, **Lew Sternfels** and **Charlie Sergis** have been in touch. Lew is still a patent attorney in Los Angeles, and Charlie, who promises to come East for a couple of football games this fall, retired from the field of radio news reporting, which he did for so many years in New York and Los Angeles.

On a sad note, we mourn the passing of **Jack Armstrong**'s wife, Nancy, who died several months ago. She was a part of our class.

One final note of interest: We received an e-mail from Andrew Fisher '65, who was one of the first beneficiaries of the Class of 1955. He was the class' Alumni Scholar through his four years in the College. According to Fisher: "Had it not been for that alumni scholarship, I very likely would not have been a member of any Columbia class." Andrew is a broadcast journalist in New York. Wow!

What more can I say? Gentle souls of the Class of '55: Enjoy yourselves to the fullest. E-mail a classmate or two when you get a chance. You guys are the best.

Love to all! Everywhere!

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First and most important, I am the proud grandfather of my second grandson, nine days late and weighing in the championship range of 9 lbs., 1 oz., in Portland, Maine.

Now for additional class news. Twelve classmates and several wives joined in the educational fun of Dean's Day in April, a class record. Present in alphabetical order: **Ralph Banks, John Censor, Maurice Easton, William Garretson, Larry Gitten, Peter Klein, Ralph Longsworth** (and Roberta), yours truly, **Mark Novick** (and Maya), **Norton Roman, Raymond Sherman, Bob Siroty** and **Michael Spett** (and Lisa). Four of us were able to sit together at lunch — unfortunately, not all of us, as there wasn't a class table — and discussed the next event that was proposed, namely, a class lunch at the Columbia/Princeton Club (we know who comes first) at the end of May. If this is successful and desired, I propose to do this on a regular basis, possibly the last Wednesday of every month. Please let me have input.

In April, I went to the Barnard Torchbearer Reception to meet my scholarship student, Karen Chang '04 Barnard. The scholarship was established for my deceased wife, Libby '60 Barnard. It was a lovely event with a great atmosphere done outside on an inner lawn.

I'm in frequent conversation with **Larry Gitten,** who is helping me plan the class lunch at the Columbia Club. I know he got his engineering Ph.D. expressly for the purpose of helping me with class e-mails, an item about which I am not particularly fond. Larry and Vera were on vacation in Florida and, being a sociable couple, got together with **Bob Hand** (and Judy) and **Stu Greer** (and Phyllis). Lynn and **Lee Seidler,** Libby and I had many pleasant dinners with them years ago. We were planning to join them but couldn't at the last minute. I hope all is well with the Seidlers.

I received a communication from **Art Salzfass,** who refuses to retire completely. He is having great fun running a small cooperative book publisher. He and his wife, Jane, who works in comput-

ers at *Reader's Digest,* are neighbors of the Clintons in Chappaqua, a potentially exciting situation. His two daughters are pursuing writing and teaching careers. He sadly reports that **Lenny Schreier** died recently. Our "In Memoriam" list gets longer with each Reunion Class Book.

Finally, I have been meaning to go to commencement for years and did so in May in the company of **Steve Easton,** who also thought it was a great idea.

Please keep in touch at (212) 712-2369 or fax (212) 875-0955; remember, e-mail under duress. So here is wishing all you guys and dolls health, happiness, some wealth, great children and extraordinary grandchildren, and let's get together while we may and possibly even sing a few Columbia songs as we did so well, with the help of our Sigma Chi members, twice at reunion.

Love to all.

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Ward Armstrong retired from the sporting goods business in 1997. He and his wife, Geniel, spend time traveling, hunting and river running.

After practicing law in New York for nearly 30 years and teaching law at Fordham, **Neil Bramwell** now is a writer in New Orleans. Xlibris has published his book, *Sam's Legacy,* a murder mystery, available at www.xlibris.com. Enslow Publishing has published Neil's *James K. Polk,* a biography of the 11th president of the United States. Both are available in bookstores or online. Neil's Web site for *Sam's Legacy* is www.bramwellmystery.com. His address is 1725 Burgundy St., New Orleans LA 70116; telephone is (504) 947-3355; e-mail is ndbram@aol.com.

Marty Fisher attended a Heyman Center for the Humanities seminar with Robert Belknap, professor emeritus of Slavic languages. Belknap recently completed a brilliant and informative short course on *Anna Karenina* and *The Brothers Karamazov* for alumni at Heyman, a "relatively new, small building with seminar space on the East Campus, which former College Dean Carl Hovde heads. Luminaries hanging their hats there include Wm. Theodore de Bary '41, Edward Said and Peter Pouncey. There are younger Heyman Fellows as well. Heyman is the center for human rights activities on campus.

Marty stopped by to see Brandon Doyle, an assistant director of the Columbia College Fund in the Alumni Office, and to make telephone calls as promised. He reached **Art Roberts** at the University of Connecticut and **Arnie Nachmanoff** in Alexandria, Va. At other times, he had lunch with **Ron Kushner** and **Marty Brothers.**

Marty also "had the opportunity to do a bit of historical research" into the Ford Foundation program at the College (1951–58). During the Korean War, which in many cases interrupted academic careers, the Ford Foundation "initiated an experiment to determine if students could be admitted to college early in order to expedite their [education] … Columbia, Yale, Chicago, Lafayette, Oberlin and a few other schools agreed to participate by taking [15–30] freshmen each year for a period of [2–8] years and tracking their success or failure. Those students were offered a full scholarship as an inducement to participate. Unfortunately, [Marty] was one of the guinea pigs." Marty "perused dusty, hitherto unread" files and reports from Dean Nicholas McKnight '41 and Professor Quentin Anderson '37. To Marty's surprise, a report names **Jerome Kern,** himself and some other '57 Ford scholars, referring to him as "butterball."

Daniel Goldberg's widow, Audrey, has informed us that Daniel died on January 7. Audrey, his wife for 40 years, tells us that "Daniel always spoke about the wonderful education he received at the College and how much he enjoyed the years he spent at Columbia. He was very proud to have one of his children graduate from the same institution." His daughter, Beverly '87, MD Harvard, "is board-certified in pulmonary and critical care [and practicing] with a group in Lowell [Mass.]"

Daniel received his M.D. from Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He was on the staff at Morristown (N.J.) Memorial Hospital and practiced internal medicine in Mendham, N.J. for 30 years before he retired in 1997. He specialized in diabetes and endocrinology. His memberships included the Mount Freedom Jewish Center, American Medical Association and the American Orchid Society.

Ed Weinstein reports that Deans' Day in New York "was glorious, with a turnout of 700, the largest ever, [with] the campus looking great." Our class "had a nice attendance … including **Marty Fisher; Nat Swergold** and his son, Jason; Carol and **Art Perlman; Ed Weiner; Rob Flescher;** and **Carlos Munoz.** "Rob drove down from East Hartford, Conn. Nat practices law in Cedarhurst, N.Y. Art is a psychiatrist in NYC. His wife, Carol, and I met by coincidence at Montefiore Hospital, where she does social work."

Ed also noted that "**Mark Chapman M.D.** is a gastroenterologist and professor of medicine at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York City, [where] he continues in private practice. He is married to Judy (43 years and counting). They have two children and four grandchildren. When not practicing medicine, Mark enjoys racquetball, golf and reading. He regrets missing our 45th … he was in Marbella, Spain, vacationing with friends, and looks forward to our 50th."

Also according to Ed, **Ed Koren** recently celebrated 40 years as a cartoonist for *The New Yorker.* "His illustrations also have appeared in *The New York Times, Time, Newsweek* and *The Nation* [as well as *Columbia College Today*]. Ed is working on a children's book, to be published in about 18 months, and an illustrated cookbook. Ed has two children in their 30s and a boy of 13. He and his family have lived in Brookfield, Vt., for about 25 years. Ed's wife is an English teacher in the same school in which his son is a student. When I asked why he chose Vermont as his home, he said: 'I simply love being outdoors.'"

Ed Weinstein had lunch with **Lew Leventhal.** About five years ago, Lew reached the mandatory retirement age (60) at KPMG Peat Marwick & Co. "He noted that he had worked continually during his last six months, unlike his contemporaries, who had tapered off. He decided that he liked what he was doing and made arrangements to continue in the profession. Today, Lew is a partner at the NYC accounting firm of Richard Eisner & Co. He enjoys his work and has no plans to slow down. He lives in Roslyn, N.Y."

More from Ed: "**Mike Lipper** sold the assets of his Lipper Analytical Services publishing business about four years ago to Reuters. He is active in the investment field by operating investment advisory and hedge fund businesses from his home in Summit, N.J. He also is involved in setting up start-up operations in the investment field. Mike chairs the investment or finance committees of the Atlantic Health System, Drew University and the New Jersey Performing Arts Center and thus shares his investment wisdom pro bono. He has four children and five grandchildren."

Ed's travels took him to San Francisco, where he had lunch with **Ira Lubell,** whom he had not seen in 45 years. They spent two hours refreshing their memories. Ed reports: "Ira is medical director of Santa Clara Valley [Health and] Hospital System, a 1,000-bed facility, and clinical professor of medicine at Stanford … He has lived in Santa Cruz since 1988 and has a weekend pad in San Francisco. Ira, a Log Cabin Republican, recently served as president of the California Medical Board (licensing and discipline of physicians). **Billy Friedman** served with Ira on this board. Ira has been in public health since medical school, even serving as a medical officer with the rank of lieutenant commander at the U.S. embassy in Moscow. He speaks 10 languages, including fluent Russian, and has traveled extensively."

Alan Zuckerman and Marilyn, his wife of 35 years, have returned to their home in Bethany Beach, Del., after almost two years in South Africa. Alan worked at the Umsobomvu Youth Fund, which "was established to develop and fund projects to prepare unemployed out-of-school youth for jobs and small businesses." He also worked in the development office of the University of Pretoria, helping it to raise money from U.S.-based foundations.

A Columbia M.B.A., Alan says that he has "worked for nonprofit organizations, universities and as a consultant most of my life." For 10 years, he served as director of the National Youth Employment Coalition in Washington D.C. He and Marilyn had "always wanted to live and work overseas. We decided to move to South Africa because we both had done some short-term work there…[knew] people and were fascinated by the transformation."

Alan's work at UYF gave him "a chance to share my knowledge and American experiences with the South African youth and to work on the development of a new, energetic, publicly financed youth development funding source. I learned a great deal about South Africa, youth programs, working in the developing world and myself. My wife and I traveled to all nine provinces of South Africa and to Namibia, Botswana, Swaziland and Zimbabwe. We visited spectacular mountains, beaches and deserts and saw wild animals and beautiful birds in their habitats. We visited and worked in poor townships and villages and had an opportunity to learn about some of the many different cultures of South Africa."

Alan and Marilyn say, "We made it work and the rewards, personally and professionally … exceeded our hopes. Life for those of us with money is not too much

different from that in the United States. The biggest challenges are driving on the left and getting into the car on the right. As sports fans, we had to adjust to cricket, rugby and soccer matches. We missed baseball, football and basketball." The latter, plus two burglaries they suffered, were their only negatives.

Alan continued, "South Africa is an incredibly beautiful place. Americans should plan to come for holiday. Capetown is a great city; the wine country (and the wine) are excellent; the mountains and oceans are beautiful. The game parks are a special treat. Climate is temperate. The plane ride is interminable, but worth the effort. The people are welcoming, civil and most speak English, even though there are 11 official languages. It also is inexpensive. Winter in the United States is summer in South Africa."

Alan plans "to continue consulting in the youth employment and workforce development field for as long as I am able. I also want time to play tennis, read and be with family and friends … and I hope that there is another adventure or two left in my life." His younger son, Eric '94, works in film casting in New York; Alan attended a few baseball and football games with him. Alan's older son teaches high school in Oakland, Calif.

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Joe Dorinson has two new books. He is co-editor, with William Pencak, of *Paul Robeson: Essays on His Life and Legacy* (McFarland & Co., Inc., 2001), and, returning to his roots, he contributed an essay, "Danny Kaye, Brooklyn Tummler" to *Jews of Brooklyn* (University Press of New England, 2001), an anthology edited by Ilana Abramovich and Sean Galvin.

The New York Times Magazine recently ran an article, "The Stephin Merritt Standard. Can a downtown songwriter who composes tunes like Porter be a pop star like Sting?" Merritt is the leader of a band, Magnetic Fields, whose co-founder, manager and drummer is Dotty and **Don Gonson**'s daughter, Claudia. Claudia is a classically trained pianist, who, like many of our children, has chosen a nonstandard career. The article places Claudia in good company, with **Bernie** and Toby **Nussbaum**'s daughter, Emily, who has become a regular contributor to *The New York Times Magazine* and *The New York Times Book Review*.

John Giorno's latest poetry reading, "There Was a Bad Tree," was held at the Swiss Institute-Contemporary Art in SoHo. It was part of a work of performance art: Swiss artist Ugo Rondinone installed a stainless steel floor with embedded speakers from which John's voice emerged.

Here's our reminder about the class lunch that **Scott Shukat** hosts, which is now held on the second Wednesday of every month in the Grill Room of the Princeton/Columbia Club, 15 W. 43rd St. ($31 per person). You can let Scott know if you plan to attend up to the day before by phone at (212) 582-7614, by fax at (212) 315-3752 or by email at scott@shukat.com.

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[Editor's note: CCT extends its thanks to **Ed Mendrzycki,** *who has served the College, his classmates and this magazine with dedication and distinction as class correspondent since 1980. We welcome* **Bennett Miller,** *who had been assisting Ed (and will be assisted by him in the future), as the new correspondent and urge classmates to contact Ben at the above postal and e-mail addresses.]*

Ed Mendrzycki has promoted me from cub reporter to full-fledged correspondent as he steps down as our class correspondent. Ed has done yeoman's work over the years, and we owe him a sincere thank you for his efforts. I look forward to helping all of us keep in touch, so don't mind if from time to time you get a phone call or an e-mail from me urging you to get in touch with us and our fellow classmates.

Shelby Brewer has been elected chairman, president and CEO of Commodore Applied Technology, Inc., an environmental remediation, engineering and financial services company headquartered in New York City and Alexandria, Va. Shelby, who has a nuclear engineering background and spent the early part of his career in Admiral Rickover's nuclear navy, was the top nuclear official in the Reagan Administration (1981–84) and chairman and CEO of ABB Combustion Engineering (1985–95) before taking on his new job.

I also have a new job. I recently founded a development firm that has a new approach to processing high-level nuclear waste. The company is moving into the demonstration stage of development with the launching of a $50 million project that is scheduled to go into operation in about 18 months.

Congratulations to **John Corigliano** for being awarded the 2001 Pulitzer Prize in Music for his *Symphony No.2*. Last year, John won an Oscar for his film score for *The Red Violin*.

Mike Cohen still practices maritime law and teaches an admiralty law course at the Law School while increasing his participation in projects of the American Law Institute. His wife, Bette, retired after serving 17 years as the Cantor of Temple Emamu-El of Long Beach, N.Y., where she has become Cantor Emerita.

Harris Schwartz recently concluded his 36th year working at Columbia, during which he has helped transform the undergraduate experience. Harris is the executive director of Lerner Hall. He invites classmates to stop by the student center, say hello and see one of Columbia's newest and most exciting additions. To continue a tradition, his daughter, Jennifer '05 is following her brothers, Jason '92 and Jon '97.

Our man in Washington, **Steve Trachtenberg,** president of The George Washington University, continues to earn the admiration of the capital city. He recently was selected as one of the 100 most influential people in D.C. by one of the city's major magazines.

Ernie Holsendolph '58 was gracious to send us this epistle: "I'm from the Class of '58, but I knew **Ken Gros-Louis** well in our college days. A national newsnote reminded me to remind you guys from the Class of 1959 that he is retiring as chancellor of Indiana University. I noticed that a scholarship is being formed in his name, partly a recognition of his closeness to students on the Bloomington campus, though I have not had an opportunity to fellowship with him much since graduation. He was a fine fellow student, and evidently he was a terrific educator. Read about him at http://iufoundation.iu.edu/gros-louis/. The Web page has a picture of Ken and a statue. The trick is to figure out which is which. (That would be a perfect example of Ken's sense of humor.)" Ernie, thank you. Your note has finally gotten me over the fact that you were our sophomore tormentor. Some things die hard, such as hating the guys in New Jersey, if you know what I mean.

In March 2002, **Jerome Charyn** was named a Commandeur des Arts et des Lettres by the French Minister of Culture. This is the highest honor that France can bestow upon artists and writers. Other recipients include Bob Dylan, Robert Redford, Richard Meier, Susan Sontag and Meryl Streep. Congrats, Jerry.

Ed Mendrzycki retired as a partner of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett and become of counsel to the firm. Ed continues to consult for a client on a part-time basis and recently was appointed to a three-year term on the American Bar Association standing committee on professional liability.

And, finally, Ed and **Irwin (Buddy) Jacobs** (still practicing pediatric neurology in Cleveland), were hosted in Charleston, S.C., by Myron Lutz '60, who is semi-retired from his Ob/Gyn practice in Charleston. They and their wives enjoyed some old-time conviviality and some reminiscences and send their regards to all of us.

So, where are the rest of you? Seriously, don't hesitate to send us news about you. We want to hear what's going on in your lives, so take a moment and pass a note along to the above address or e-mail miller_bennett@yahoo.com. Look forward to hearing from you.

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Each of our lives is a symphony, and for many in the class, a new movement has been reached. Once, the tempo of our careers was *allegro con brio*. Now, for an ever growing number, *andante ritardando* — "I'm cutting back" — or, *adagio* — "I'm semi-retired" — or, *largo* — "That's it, I've had it, I'm putting in my papers." Some, however, find the rhythm of their careers infused with new vitality, and the beat goes on. **Joshua Pruzansky** has been practicing law on Long Island "since," to appropriate with some exaggeration a familiar legal phrase, "the memory of man runneth not to the contrary," and has served with distinction as president of the New York State Bar Association. The attraction of private practice remains compelling for Josh, and he recently established a firm. The venture is invigorating, and Josh reports that every new day is a source of the most pleasant anticipation.

Another travel adventure figures prominently in our Class Notes this issue. Destination: the Galapagos Islands, the largely desolate lava formations west of Ecuador straddling the equator, famous for the giant tortoises that give the archipelago its name and for the abundance of wildlife in various stages of evolutionary development that were studied by Charles Darwin and afforded the

body of evidence to support his theory of natural selection. As an unparalleled laboratory for the study of evolution, it is maintained as a nature preserve. **Arthur Delmhorst** made the trip in March with his wife, Wynnkie, and sons, Dwight and Fred. Art remarked on the abundance of birds including the many varieties of finches and the colorful and unusual frigate birds inflating their great red-throated pouches, and the colonies of seals and sea lions, noting particularly the formidable dominant bull, which all were advised to keep from at a safe distance. One of many highlights of the trip was swimming among the porpoises and seals. Art noted that because the absence of natural predators on the islands, save for owls, the wildlife is remarkably indifferent to the presence of humans. Art applauds the efforts of the Ecuadorian government to negotiate the delicate balance of preserving the islands for naturalist studies while permitting tourism on a carefully controlled basis.

Although an old Navy hand, the voyage to the Galapagos was Art's maiden crossing of the equator, thus exposing him to the ritual initiation — something to do with kissing a fish and being doused with a water hose, all of which Art experienced with his customary good humor. Methinks such humiliations, if unavoidable, should be endured at an earlier stage in life. Art had contemplated making the trip after retirement but accelerated the timetable when he realized that any further delay might make it difficult to proceed with the whole family. Art's son, Fred, is a doctoral candidate at Columbia in industrial and organizational psychology.

Since moving his office from Manhattan to New Jersey to be closer to home, **Paul Fierstein**'s attendance at our first Thursday of the month class lunch has been infrequent. And so it was good to see Paul back for our May 2 get-together. Paul insists that there is nothing of particular interest in his life at this time to warrant mention, but, with Paul, there is always a palpable sense that life is good. Prominent in Paul's life are his five children, Susan, Ronald, Elizabeth, Jane and Robert, whose ages range from 31 to 40. Do we have any classmates who started families before Paul?

In the May Class Notes, I reported my conversation with **Michael Hein**. I omitted to mention, however, that Mike had a recollection, faulty as it turns out, that I had given him rides from campus to the Bronx on the back of my motorbike. Not possible, said I. Never had a motorbike. Good thing that, for if I had a motorbike, it and all aboard would very soon have come to no good end. However, I was a passenger many a morning during freshman year on **Steve Wilder**'s motorbike as we raced to beat the second bell for Professor Farenholt's chemistry class. I suggested to Mike that Steve was probably his pilot as well, a supposition that only Steve can confirm.

Now that summer has arrived and many of you will be relaxing, I hope that more of you will find time to call or write with news to share with the class.

Lit Hum Never Leaves You

When DeWitt Clinton Professor of History **Eric Foner '63** was a Kellett Fellow at Oxford's Oriel College, he was selected to be a member of a four-man team that competed in a British quiz show called *University Challenge* (similar to *College Bowl* in the United States). "Our team was very successful," he recalls. "I contributed to many of our wins, and the team won the British championship in 1966, although by that time, I had returned home."

Eric Foner '63
PHOTO: JOE PINIERO

Earlier this year, Foner received a phone call from the producers of *University Challenge*, who were bringing back championship teams to compete against one another.

"I was flown over to Manchester, and our team was reassembled to compete against Magdalan College, Oxford, the champions in 1998," says Foner. "We competed against them and we won, to my utter amazement, as I figured we had forgotten most of what we knew, and these younger people would be sharper."

Foner says that the Core Curriculum played a significant role in the victory.

"There was a series of questions about lines from Shakespeare's sonnets," he says, "and I knew all the answers. I don't know where I dredged them up from, but it must have come from Literature Humanities. It just shows you that the Core Curriculum imbeds things in minds that you can't even imagine."

Despite the victory, that was as far as Foner's team got in the competition, as only the top four scoring teams from the first-round winners advanced to the final round. "That was the beginning and the end of my second career on *University Challenge*," he says. "I retire undefeated."

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Bob Salman has been appointed inspector general of the Department of Transportation of the State of New Jersey, where, among other things, he will be in charge of all internal investigations and audits.

Jack Kirik retired at the end of January, is enjoying it immensely and will continue to consult. He and Sue recently were in Las Vegas and had a chance to visit with **Frenchy Brodeur** and his wife, Judy, and renew an old friendship over dinner and golf.

Arnie Chase has been on expeditions to the North and South Poles. In 2000, he made it to the North Pole via Siberia. The final part of that adventure was on a Russian helicopter from their base camp at 89 degrees north. In January, he was part of the first group to land at the South Pole in a single engine biplane. Arnie returned after 2½ days at the Admundsen-Scott Base, but the plane is still there. Arnie still practices law, although on a reduced time basis. He enjoys his two grandsons, Gavi (3) and Isaac (1). Arnie's son, Benjamin (14), starts high school this year.

Sharon and **George Gehrman** and Joanna and **Mike Clark** recently took a 10-day cruise from San Diego to Acapulco to celebrate the ladies' "39th" birthdays. George does consulting work; he is into his second year of retirement from the Department of Energy.

Arnold Klipstein has been practicing medicine in Manchester, Conn., since 1971 as a digestive disease specialist. He is the chief of the gastroenterology section of the Eastern Connecticut Health Network. Previously, he was chairman of the department of medicine at Manchester Memorial Hospital, and he is a past president of the Connecticut Regional Endoscopic society. Arnold's son, Bill, is, literally, a rocket scientist; he holds a Ph.D. in physics and does work related to the space station. He lives in Pasadena with his wife and two sons. Arnold's daughter, Linda, works for Sprint in Kansas City, and by the time this is in print, will have given Arnold his first granddaughter.

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At the time this column was due, we had not heard from any '62Cs in months. However, with our 40th reunion taking place after deadline, the September column should be full of entertaining reports of our return to campus as well as your lives.

For those of you who were unable to join us at reunion, please send us a note to let us know where you are and what you're doing!

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Harvey Schneier is a senior director at Forest Laboratories, Inc., **Phil Satow**'s old company, and has worked there for the last 8½ years. Prior to entering the pharmaceutical industry, Harvey practiced general internal medicine at P&S for 20 years. At Forest, he heads the general medicine division of the R&D arm of the company, responsible for running large programs aimed at gaining FDA approval for two drugs, one for the treatment of osteoarthritis and the other for the treatment of irritable bowel syndrome. Harvey keeps a part-time appointment at P&S and makes rounds on the ward service with medical residents and third-year medical students one month a year.

I also received a letter from Rear Admiral B. James Lowe '51 about the issue of restoring NROTC to the Columbia campus. Lowe feels that in light of recent events, the anti-military feeling of

the '60s at Columbia has passed, and this may be a favorable time to reopen the question of restoring NROTC at the College. He is planning a petition to be submitted to President Lee Bollinger and the Board of Trustees late in 2002. In this column, I will not advocate any position, but if any of our class wish to support this, e-mail Lowe at JLoweABQ@aol.com or call him at (505) 293-5392.

Have a pleasant summer, and remember to send your news.

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It always is good to hear from classmates in faraway places. As reported in my last column, **Steve Renick** welcomes visitors in Annecy, France. He can be reached at 33 (0)4-50-96-77-27.

Jeff Sol (also my high school classmate) writes from Kailua, Hawaii, that he is a recently retired cardiologist. He and his wife were planning to spend a few weeks in New York, either in June or October. They have a beautiful home near the beach, and welcome a house swap.

From the West Coast, **Jack Singer** writes that he has been living in Seattle since 1972. He thinks fondly of his years at the College, misses many classmates and wrote that it "seemed time to update my life as I approach the magic age of 60." He is married and has two daughters. Specializing in hematology/oncology, Jack was a professor at the University of Washington. In 1992, "through a combination of opportunity and a need for a change in my too secure and structured life," he co-founded a biotech company (Cell Therapeutics, Inc.) to develop novel cancer drugs. The company recently received FDA approval for an anti-cancer drug that now is on the market and is conducting advanced clinical studies for a second drug. "The ability to think independently and analytically, which I learned at Columbia through the Core Curriculum and wide-ranging liberal upper college courses, were key to my ability to adapt in the unfamiliar worlds of finance, corporate governance and the regulatory and commercial environments." Jack is happy to host anyone coming through the Pacific Northwest, and can be reached at (206) 270-8405.

Allen Tobias is co-curator of the exhibit "The Lion for Real" at the Columbia Rare Books and Manuscripts Library, which is on display through August 2. The exhibit is based on Allen's collection of written materials and photographs relating to poet Allen Ginsberg '48 and on the University's holdings.

Dan Nussbaum, Mark Zucker, Marty Isserlis and their wives got together in New York to take in some theater. Mark, a professor of art history at LSU, is doing research at Columbia. Dan left a senior position at the Pentagon two years ago and is a principal with Booz Allen Hamilton in McLean, Va. **Chet Salomon** practices law in New York and is headed to France on a family vacation. **Stuart Sieger** practices law in Uniondale, N.Y.

Finally, the prolific **Phillip Lopate** edited *Journal of a Living Experiment: A Documentary History of the First Ten Years of Teachers and Writers Collaborative.*

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Saw **Barry Levine, Gideon Oberweger** and **Derek Wittner** at Dean's Day on April 13. It's surprising that more classmates do not attend this stimulating exposure to the brilliance of Columbia's faculty.

We had a tremendous attendance at our monthly New York class lunch on May 14. **Allen Brill, Dean Gamanos, Lionel Goetz, Jonathan Harris, Steve Hoffman, Michael Krieger, Gideon Oberweger, Dave Sarlin, Arthur Sederbaum, Richard Wertis** and I were there. It is the second Tuesday of each month, for anyone else who might be interested.

Larry Guido has retired as director of University Alumni Relations effective on June 30, the close of the academic year. Writes Larry, "Quite simply, I want more personal time. There is the possibility (small) that my golf handicap will drop by spending three months this summer in Nantucket." I am confident that we will be hearing more from Larry than the news of his golf handicap in the months and years ahead, and we thank him for his years of service to Columbia.

Please, please send news of your doings to your desperate correspondent!

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In his new book, *White Boy: A Memoir* (Temple University Press), **Mark Naison** recalls his 25 years experience as a professor of African-American studies at Fordham. The book, reviewed in February in *The New York Times*, tells about Black-Jewish tensions and how Mark encountered them in his native Crown Heights neighborhood of Brooklyn in the late 1950s. At Columbia, he immersed himself in civil-rights work and fell in love with a black woman. Mark notes, "Ostracized by my parents, my girlfriend and I were enthusiastically accepted by her extended family of transplanted Southerners, who proved far more open to interracial relationships than the lower-middle-class Jews I had grown up among." He writes about Fordham's Afro-American Institute and the "movement" atmosphere in its early days and how a white professor of black studies initially was viewed with suspicion and overt disdain. However, later on, by 1976, "when my colleagues and I were finally granted departmental status, my race had ceased to be controversial and I could function, when needed, as spokesman for an institution that was both black and multiracial." Further information about Mark and his writings may be found on his Web site, www.brooklywhiteboy.com.

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Nearly all members of the Cleverest Class apparently want to save an exposition of any details of their lives for face-to-face contacts at our 35th reunion. Consequently, your class correspondent is swiftly becoming a despondent correspondent, what with the surfeit of *CCT* due dates and lack of '67C input to help him compose this column, which he inherited nearly 25 years ago. We accept e-mail. We accept voice mail. We accept surface mail. **Kent Hall** is up to no good. Please help out by letting us know what you are up to. (Think of your note as sort of a surfeit-to-heir missive.)

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[Editor's note: This is **Ken Tomecki**'s *final column as class correspondent, a role he has filled with distinction for more than 16 years. We thank Ken for his dedicated service to this magazine, the College and most of all his classmates. Beginning with the September 2002 issue,* **Arthur Spector** *will assume the role of correspondent for the Class of 1968. Classmates are urged to send their news and notes to Arthur at abszzzz@aol.com, or give him a call at (212) 724-8384.]*

***On April 28, the Columbia Club of New England and the Undergraduate Admissions secondary committee of Boston brought together alumni and incoming first-year students at the Museum of Science in Boston.* Paul Baghosian '69 *and* Steven Coleman '83 *organized the event, which allowed members of the Class of 2006 and their parents to talk with current students and alumni as well as admissions officer Shawn Abbott. Featured speaker* David Denby '65, *film critic of* The New Yorker *and author of* Great Books, *spoke about the Core Curriculum in light of current events.*
PHOTO: DAVID VICTOR '64

I got e-mail from …

Chris Friedrichs, who had "no dramatic changes to report … still teaching history at the University of British Columbia," where he's professor of history, "and still enjoying it … my wife, Rhoda (née Lange '67 Barnard), teaches history at a local college … my daughter, Ellen, is at NYU pursuing a master's degree in health education; son Jonathan graduates from McGill this spring, and son Jeremy is in high school … my third book, *Urban Politics in Early Modern Europe* was published by Routledge in 2000." Thanks for the update, Chris.

Steve Mamikonian, whose "whereabouts are Kazakhstan (Russia)," specifically the "massive Chevron oilfield in Tengiz … I can't seem to get away from the former Soviet Union, though I suppose I secretly enjoy it." His son, Alex, is an officer on a Navy destroyer in the Persian Gulf and his daughter, Lara, will begin medical school at the University of Rochester this fall. Thanks, Steve; keep in touch.

Patrick (aka Bud) Patterson, who finally sent some fodder for the column, is " … now laid up,

recovering from (knee) surgery. I've run out of excuses … it's hard to decide where to start. Despite heroic efforts with organic chemistry and genetics, I [never] did go to medical school … Instead, law school (Columbia '72) … a much better choice for me." Since then, "I've had a varied and interesting career (or I've had trouble holding a steady job) … lived in N.Y., L.A., Madison and Milwaukee, where I am now; taught at Wisconsin and UCLA; [worked] as staff attorney at NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund in N.Y. and co-founded Legal Defense Fund's west coast office in L.A. I was a partner in a legal firm in Milwaukee for several years, specializing in civil rights and public interest litigation, and I'm editor of a leading treatise [involving] employment discrimination law," coupled with "a fair amount of public speaking on legal subjects in the United States and occasionally elsewhere (Japan and Budapest, most recently)." Re: "personal and marital history … after a few false starts, I finally found the right woman," Barbara, a lawyer, as well, "and moved from L.A. to Milwaukee to be with her." We've "been married for 10 years and have a 9-year-old daughter, Kira, Class of 2016 (tentative)."

"Since 1998, I've been a full-time, stay-at-home dad with a part-time law practice," working "with other law firms and legal organizations, litigating civil rights and consumer class actions," with a lot of time "spent volunteering at Kira's school, coaching soccer and softball," and acting as a chauffeur for her activities. Thanks for the update, Bud, and special thanks for your kind words re: my efforts.

This is my last column; after 16-plus years, it's time for a break. To all who provided material and fodder, thanks for your support, indulgence and good humor; you folks *were* the column. To *CCT*, especially Jamie Katz '72, Phyllis Katz and Alex Sachare '71 … thanks for the opportunity to contribute. And, most importantly, to my family (Eileen and Peter '98) and friends … thanks for everything good; nothing bad really matters.

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Most *CCT* columnists these days are singing the same note: "Please send us e-mails of your news when you get done reading the current issue."

Joe Kushick did just that. He e-mailed me in May, stating, "I don't think I've ever written for our Class Notes, but with a couple of family transitions coming up, I thought that this might finally be the time." Joe has been married nearly since graduation (coming up on 32 years) to Marilyn Massler, whom he knew during our college years. They lived in New York while he was in graduate school at Columbia and then in Chicago before settling in Amherst, Mass., where Joe has taught chemistry at Amherst College for 26 years (with sabbaticals at Harvard, the University of Paris and the Mount Sinai Medical School). Marilyn does public relations and fund raising for the music department at the University of Massachusetts. The transitions involve their two children: "Rafi Efraim (21) received his B.F.A. in June from the Rhode Island School of Design (with a semester at the Bezalel Art Academy in Jerusalem), and Maia Shoshana (17) graduated from high school. She will start putting in her time on Morningside Heights this fall, when she will be a first-year at Barnard. That will leave Marilyn and me as a two-some, again, free to enjoy more frequent visits to New York and the small apartment that we have kept there, and will enable me to further indulge my passions for the violin and for photography."

Chuck Bethill wrote me the old way (on letterhead) to let us know that he joined Thachter Proffitt & Wood as a partner in the corporate and financial institutions practice group. Chuck has a general corporate and securities practice, with expertise in the clearance and settlement of securities transactions. He has extensive experience in mergers and acquisitions, with an emphasis on transactions in the financial services industry and in the structuring of diverse business enterprises. Chuck also has a background in litigation, having tried cases and argued appeals in state and federal courts.

And now it is time for you to complete your summer assignment to e-mail your news for the September issue.

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It was great to hear from former teammate **Joe Durocher** after so many years. Joe was prompted to write in after learning of **Bill Wazevich**'s death. Joe recalled his friendship with Bill and what a great teammate and athlete Bill was. Joe also gave me permission to report about his own brush with death: "I just played the toughest game of my life so far in a battle with stage four tongue cancer. It was a tough battle, but the Lion won! As part of my therapy, I created a Web site: http://orbit.unh.edu/cancer. I received so much support from friends and family that the site was my small way of giving back, and each week, I get e-mails from folks who have visited, enjoyed and ask questions."

Joe co-authored a book with his wife, Regina Baraban, *Successful Restaurant Design* (John Wiley & Sons, 2001), and reports that it is doing well. In addition, he teaches at the University of New Hampshire and has started a business forecasting company — Lodging Forecast — for the travel industry.

Paul Kropp has a new book for teenagers, *The Countess and Me* (Fitzhenry and Whiteside), his 42nd book. There's more on his Web site: www.paulkropp.com.

Long-lost classmates **David Luis** and **Jerome Bergman** have succumbed to my constant pleas for news. David, who has been missing for more than 30 years, is a psychiatrist and is alive and well in Sydney, Australia. He can be contacted at drluis@optushome.com.au. Welcome back! Much closer to home, Jerome writes from the Bronx. He is a freelance violinist and drives a cab to supplement his income. Jerome has a new wife, Myrna, and a baby as well: Samuel Charles.

For my personal view of Columbia sports, check out the Letters to the Editor in this issue (page 3). And kudos to *CCT* for using its pages to contribute to this important dialogue. Finally, it must be getting closer to fall and Baker Field, as I find myself once again humming "Roar Lion Roar." Hope springs eternal. 'Til next time, stay well, and let us know what you've been up to.

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Aaron Albert: "After my career in industrial computer systems started to sputter, I enrolled as a law student in Rutgers-Newark's evening JD program, so I'm a 1L-evening hoping to graduate in May '05. Better late than never. My wife, Jill Bellinson, a psychologist, has finished her book *Children's Use of Board Games in Psychotherapy*, published by Jason Aronson. The March 14 issue of the *Psychology Book Club* features it, and the book publication date is about the same as this issue of *CCT*. My son finished his junior year of high school and is shopping for colleges, and my daughter finished eighth grade and is shopping for high schools. We have extra space in our brownstone on West 71st that we use as a B&B — we've seen a few visiting alums: offbroadwayny@yahoo.com."

Alan Kuntze: "After celebrating the millennium by taking 2000 off to travel, study Spanish and do some volunteer work in Guatemala and Mexico, I returned to my work and 20-year association with the Swinomish Indian Tribe of LaConner, Wash. The Tribal Council thanked me for returning (or was it a punishment?) by appointing me to the Tribal Bar. Hard for this 'paleface' from New York to believe that I am winding up my legal career as a sitting Tribal Court Judge. My wife, Libby, and I live and play among the shores of Padilla Bay in Puget Sound about 75 miles north of Seattle. We planned a two-week trek to Colorado for June and hoped to stop and visit Eileen and **David Canzonetti** in Salt Lake City now that the Olympics are history."

Allen Fagin: "Having started our family right after graduation, Judy and I are reaping the rewards of early grandparenthood … four grandchildren so far (Joshua, Alissa, Michael and Nachma) and another due this month. I practice employment law on behalf of management at Proskauer Rose in New York and am co-chair of Proskauer's 170-lawyer labor and employment law department."

Rich Milich: "I have been at the University of Kentucky for 17 years, where I am a professor and associate chair in the Psychology Department. I never anticipated staying so long in this part of the country, but as my old Kentucky home and I get older, the idea of picking up and moving seems less desirable. I fear the next move I make will be to a retirement home. One of the main reasons for staying so long down here is the high caliber of the psychology department, which is recognized as a program of excellence in the university. Although the national ranking of the department may not be quite as high as that of the basketball team, we do a better job of avoiding scandals and sanctions."

Jack Lemonik: "We are happy to announce the birth of our granddaughter, Hannah Aliza (Class of 2024?) to our daughter, Dina '02L, and her husband,

Natan Hameman, on April 4."

Juris Kaza: "Just thought I would resurface after 31 years. I live in Latvia and work as a business journalist for a Latvian-language business daily. What was once a curious aside about my name and where my parents come from has turned into my life. I went to Boston University Law School after Columbia, then took a job with Radio Free Europe in Munich in 1976; I thought I would ride out the recession for a year or two. I ended up living in Europe — Germany, then Sweden (from 1982) and now Latvia (since 1995). I have been a journalist, Eurobum and sometime film producer. Married twice, three sons, 16, 15, and 6. The older two guys live with their sorta stepfather in Sweden. Their mother, with whom I split in '91, died in '99; she had severe MS. I remarried in '93 to a Latvian filmmaker, Una Celma. I produced — signed the payments — her award-winning documentary, *Egg Lady*, and we finished a feature film that is being edited. Otherwise, I have freelanced the gamut: *IHT*, the *Independent*, *Guardian*, the *Economist*, ABC Radio, *Christian Science Monitor* (broke the story of the Latvian freedom march in '87); some TV: ITN, BBC, Swedish TV; magazines. Been around here and there, Southeast Asia, Japan, South America (my wife's film festival). It has been fun, but not quite a career."

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Jonathan Crary '75, who entered with our class, received the 2001 Lionel Trilling Award for his book *Suspensions of Perception* (MIT Press, 2000). The prize is given by the Academic Awards Committee of the Columbia College Student Council. Jonathan, who received his Ph.D. from Columbia in 1987, is a professor in Columbia's Department of Art History and Archaeology.

More professorial accomplishments come from **John Dawson,** whose research labs at the University of South Carolina recently moved into the new, $34 million Graduate Science Research Center. John gave major addresses last summer at scientific conferences in Italy, the Czech Republic and France, and has been named to a five-year term on the editorial board of the *Journal of Biological Chemistry*. He also has been elected chair of 2005 Metal Ions in Biology Gordon Research Conference to be held in Oxnard, Calif.

Lots of news from **Steve Jenning,** who has lived in D.C. for the past 16 years. After working in the House and Senate, he and his partners opened a "health issues government affairs consulting business." His wife, Linda, writes and edits for *People*, and his older son, David, just graduated from Muhlenberg College and accepted a commission in the Marines. His younger son, Sam, will be a first-year student next year at SEAS, "and has a mysterious, inexplicable preference for my freshman dorm, Carman." Well, teenagers are hard to figure out, but they usually get over it. Steve works on his tennis game with partner Mike Bromberg '59 and John Donelan '73.

Who was that clever College junior quoted in the cover story on the Columbia Political Union in *CCT*'s last issue (May 2002)? Sure enough, it was my son, Yoni '03, one of the CPU's founders, who just completed his year as CPU general manager and now is the chair of the Student Governing Board.

As the deadline for this issue comes before our 30th reunion, stay tuned for news from that get-together in upcoming issues.

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Michael Shapiro, that quintuple-hyphenate (conductor-composer-pianist-author-lecturer) about whom you've heard so much, is busy with the Chappaqua (N.Y.) Orchestra; April brought its annual Pops Concert featuring the music of the great Hollywood composers. Michael's latest commission is a film score for the classic film *Frankenstein*, which premieres in October.

Alan Johnson sends news of the past 29 years: three years at Georgetown Law, which led smoothly into a country/rock music career with the North Star Band. This lasted "seven years, about 250,000 miles, two albums, and several publishing forays to Nashville." He then formed a political satire act with a friend, The Pheremones (reputedly not a predecessor of the Ramones), had a minor hit song in '85 entitled "Yuppiedrone," followed by an album of the same name, as well as three others in '88, '89 and '91. Alan tells of their loyal following all over the U.S.; they were billed as "pop-relevant cabaret" and performed for nearly 10 years.

Along the way, he accumulated a wife and two kids, and at 40 took a long look at life on the road, went to West Palm Beach and became an assistant state attorney. Not such a stretch. As Alan puts it, "A jury trial is sorta like a nightclub performance, only the crowd is smaller and there's a higher brand of heckler." He enjoys trying to do some good in the world, and has been at it for 10 years. "Go figure," he concludes.

Robert Levine is the rabbi of Congregation Rodeph Sholom, the largest synagogue on the Upper West Side. He was ordained at Hebrew Union College in 1977, is active in community affairs and has been a media presence. In 1997, he was named Rabbi of the Year by the New York Board of Rabbis and recently was awarded an honorary doctorate from Hebrew Union for 25 years of distinguished service. He is married to Gina Stahl Levine, and they are the proud parents of Judah, Ezra and Maya.

Many thanks to **Fred Schneider,** who sent in tidbits on several classmates that just missed the last *CCT*. Fred, who worked across the street from the WTC, watched the scene unfold firsthand on 9/11. He left immediately, but still had several hours of disquiet before he located his daughter, Lauren, who was in the same area at Stuyvesant High School. Fred reports: **Lou Venech,** chief spokesperson for the Port Authority, whose executive offices were in the WTC, got out of the South Tower uneventfully, unlike his boss, who perished in the command bunker in Tower 7.

Lou's best buddy, **John Brecher,** has gained renown as an oenophile; he and his wife, Dorothy Gaiter, write a weekly column in *The Wall Street Journal* on wine and have a best-selling book based on the column. They are staunch Upper West Siders, and their two daughters attend Trinity School, where **Larry Momo** is the college guidance officer. Larry and his wife, Jane '73 Barnard, also are UWSs, with a son at Emory and another in high school. To complete this circle, **Eric Holder,** as outgoing U.S. Deputy Attorney General, gave the commencement address at Stuyvesant (his alma mater, but not THE Alma Mater!) in June 2001. Eric has joined the Washington law firm of Covington and Burling as a partner. It's his first time in private practice since graduation.

Our 30th will have passed before you get this — hope you were there. Keystroke 'em if you got 'em.

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With the headlines filled daily with all the problems of the world, it would be easy to see only the dark side. However, I see something wonderful coming out of all of this conflict: passion for the issues of the day. Perhaps it is not up to our standards from the '70s (after all, no foundation garments are being burned!), but at least there seems, once again, to be a pulse in the citizen body of this country. Pro- or anti- any cause beats the debate over whether a given BMW is better than a certain Mercedes.

One classmate mentioned in my last column, **Tom Sawicki,** is involved in this retroactivism as deputy director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee in Jerusalem. When he recently passed through New York, we caught up on old times and his views of the Arab-Israeli conflict, and he told me of one of the finalists in the "newest member of the Class of '74 family" competition: **Leon Wieseltier,** longtime literary editor of *The New Republic* in Washington, D.C., has become a father for the first time. (Is this another example of renewed passion?)

In keeping with my activist theme, I received the following strident e-mail from **Zev Stern:** "My 19-year-old-son, Nehemia Akiva, is serving in the Israel Defense Forces bringing death and dark doom to Arab terrorists. My daughter, Sarah Aliza, is 16, a junior at Shulamith High School in Brooklyn and writes for *Jewish Week*."

News of a "domestic activist" was passed on by *CCT* class notes correspondent Amy Perkel '89. She reports that **Bill Meehan** is one busy fellow in San Francisco (and beyond). While Bill's job has him working as chairman of the West Coast practice of McKinsey & Co., he also is chairman of the United Way in the Bay Area and sits on its board as well as that of the San Francisco Symphony. In between, he manages to be a lecturer in strategic management at the Stanford Center for Social Innovation.

If activism can be loosely defined as "having an impact on the world around you," many in the class would say the late Professor Wallace Gray is one of the greatest Columbia activists. **Chris Kulkosky** sent in this eulogy: "I remember him in front of the class pouring out insight, wisdom and wealth of knowledge about literature and life. He was a guide through the darkness of abstruse texts, a Virgil of College Walk. [He was] my greatest teacher and a true friend who taught me how to read poetry aloud and how to hear poetry and to perceive and

live in the works of modern playwrights, whom he knew personally. I will miss his pure eloquence and sterling intellect, but he lives on in the better lives of his devoted students."

A quarter of a century ago, we were activists. Many in the class are still attempting to affect the world around them. Let's keep the passion alive!

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Donald J. Kurth recently was sworn in as president-elect of the California Society of Additional Medicine. He serves as chief of service in addiction medicine at the Loma Linda (Calif.) University Behavioral Medicine Center and is an associate professor in the Department of Psychiatry at Loma Linda Medical Center. While at the College, Don served as University Senator and was awarded the Edward Sutliff Brainard Memorial Prize.

Just after Dean's Day, I got a call from **Bob Schneider,** who keeps me well informed on his activities and those of his family and many classmates. (Without Bob's assistance, our Class Notes would be much shorter each month. I really should put his name at the top in addition to mine!) Bob told me that there were nine members of the Class at Dean's Day, a pretty good turnout. During conversations with classmates, someone asked about Michael J. Liccione '80. The last anyone knew, Mike had become an instructor in religion and philosophy at Guilford College in North Carolina. Mike, if you read this, please check in! I found Mike's career path interesting. I know that **Terry Mulry, Sig Gross** and I were religion majors, but I don't recall that Mike was. A convert, perhaps?

Samuel Shafner, a partner at Burns & Levinson LLP, has been appointed a member of the steering committee of the American Friends of the Israel National Museum of Science. Sam is admitted to the Massachusetts and New York bars. He is an active member of the Boston chapter of the American Arbitration Association and has served on its Roster Review Committee.

Now that *Columbia College Today* is published six times a year, we need to churn out Class Notes every two months. So if I don't hear from you, some of you will hear from me as I try to dig up tidbits.

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Larry Mumm tells us that his son, Andy, is a member of the class of 2006. "I am proudly wearing my Columbia sweatshirt: my school, and now my son's school." Larry, Andy and the rest of the family spent a great afternoon on campus in December, including a visit to V&T. "Now," reports Larry, "I have two years to talk his 15-year-old sister, Laura, into applying."

Larry Collins reports from Toledo, Ohio, that he coordinates student assistant services for Toledo Public Schools. He is certified in blood bank technology, BB (ASCP0) and has a master's from the University of Toledo in agency counseling. He is the founder of an Afrocentric HIV/AIDS prevention education project in Toledo, where he lives with his wife and four children.

In a delightfully long and newsy message, **Jim Berger** reports that he ended up going into the same profession as I and is an associate professor of English at Hofstra University, where another '76er, **Dana Brand,** was department chair for several years. "I did not go directly to grad school; far from it. I was out of school 10 years; got an M.A. in education at Teachers College in elementary ed and taught in Tanzania for three years at an international school (up country in Moshi, just south of Kilimanjaro — I could see it from my window every morning before it clouded over). I started grad school at the University of Virginia in 1987, got my degree in 1994, married Jennifer Klein (grad student in U.S. history) in 1995, taught two years as visiting assistant professor at George Mason, got one year as a Charles Phelps Taft post-doc at the University of Cincinnati, then started at Hofstra in 1997. My first book, *After the End: Representations of Post-Apocalypse*, was published, appropriately, in 1999 by the University of Minnesota Press. It's a study of literary and cultural responses to catastrophes that have been figured in apocalyptic terms: recent Holocaust literature and film, fiction by Pynchon and Morrison, and selections of American pop culture and politics of the 1980s. Psychoanalytic theories of trauma figure prominently, trauma becoming in recent literary theory a kind of secular inversion of apocalypse, with symptoms (following the event) replacing portents; one reads backward rather than forward, but reaches a similar sort of unrepresentable fulcrum of history.

"Jennifer taught at Smith College for four years and recently accepted a job as assistant professor in the history department at Yale. We live in New Haven. We moved here two years ago to be midway between Hofstra and Smith. I'll be off next year on an NEH, working on a new book project on portrayals of language impairment in modern literature and culture from Billy Budd to Oliver Sacks. Jen and I don't have kids — yet. Do I have the energy to raise a child and write another two or three books? Guess I'll find out."

Robert Seigfried started as pre-med and then wandered into pre-dental before finding his way into the 4-2 program in engineering, "a move that I am thankful for making," he says. After 11 years of teaching at Saint Peter's College, he has "crossed the Hudson and come home" and is in his third year of teaching computer science at Adelphi University. He has been married to his wife, Katherine, for seven years; son Jason just turned 6. Robert and his family live in Oceanside, where he frequently sees his brother, Marvin '78, and friend, Monte Nussbaum '78.

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Having been a fan of communication and technology before my Columbia days, I remain perplexed by the recent silence emanating from the Class Notes department of desktops (real and virtual). It seems that since offering you the ease of electronic correspondence, coupled with the new every-other-month regularity of the column, we have succeeded only in reducing the — albeit small — rivulet of updates to barely a trickle. With the reunion now less than a year away, I'm hoping that we can turn this around by September. So, please let us know what you did on your summer vacations.

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In the second-hand news department: I received a nice note from well-known, now-retired Professor Karl-Ludwig Selig about an alumnus sighting. Selig, of *Don Quixote* fame, was eating in a local restaurant and was recognized by the diner at the next table: **Michael Harvey.** A mini-reunion ensued. Selig was extremely moved to be remembered and sends his regards to everyone.

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After 13 years on the West Side, your class columnist has moved west across the river (and over the GW Bridge) to Fort Lee, N.J.

Also in New Jersey, **Oliver Shapiro** recently started as the outdoors columnist for *The Record*, a Bergen County-based daily. Oliver was gearing up for the second summer season of the Essex County Summer Players, an amateur orchestra for which he serves as executive director. He reports that instrumentalists looking for something to do this summer are welcome to contact him at olshapiro@yahoo.com.

Congratulations to **Steve Kane,** elected a managing director at Rich May, a mid-sized Boston law firm. Steve's been with Rich May since 1983 following graduation from Columbia Law. His practice concentrates on corporate, commercial, securities and financial matters. He lives in Newton, Mass., with his wife, Cindy, and their three children. Steve has served as president of Newton North Little League and has coached several youth sports teams.

Please let me hear from you, and be well.

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The reason I have written this column for the past 20 years is that my good friend, **Bob Kemp,** suggested that I run for Alumni Officer in the spring of '82. He then helped me to get elected because he felt it was important that we give something back to Columbia. Bob was very proud of attending Columbia, and I think this is why he always gave 110 percent effort

in the many activities he participated in during college. Some classmates seem to remember Bob more for his CTV interview with Dr. Ruth Westheimer than for his three years as our class president. Freshman Orientation '81, which Bob led, was so well organized that Bob quipped, "Theoretically, if all goes as planned, I should be able to take a two-week vacation [and things would still run smoothly]". Bob was right, but he still worked extremely hard during orientation, giving himself little time to socialize. His senior section of the yearbook was the only section completed well ahead of schedule, because Bob was the master organizer. He didn't have to take a cab with me as I rushed to the post office to beat the yearbook's midnight deadline, but he felt it was something he needed to do. No doubt he felt the same way last year when I asked him a legal question for a friend via e-mail. I had not seen him since 1991 and we had only exchanged holiday cards and an occasional e-mail during the years. However, Bob gave me his typically well-organized, carefully thought out response the next day. When I spoke to him at great length in late February of this year, it was as if we had never been out of touch. He mentioned that he was happy to see so many members of our class contributing to the College Fund and doing well professionally. Bob was deeply "touched" when I told him there would be a scholarship fund in his name set up at Columbia if he did not survive his battle with cancer. It is with a heavy heart that I report to you that Bob passed away on March 24, 2002. He will be terribly missed. *[Editor's note: Please see obituary on page 25.]*

Daniel Horwitz joined Carter, Ledyard & Milburn's litigation department as a partner. He previously served as an assistant district attorney in New York County for 8½ years. Dan received his J.D. from Washington College of Law at American University in 1990.

Steven Koppel joined the New York office of Heller Ehrman as a shareholder in the firm's real estate practice. He is a 1985 graduate of the National Law Center at George Washington University.

Lou Orfanella did a column for the May/June issue of *Teacher Magazine*, inspired by the death of Professor Wallace Gray. Lou's first collection of poems, *The Last Automat*, was published last year by Argonne House Press. You can contact him at lorfanella@hotmail.com to receive copies. He sends regards to the 12 Jay procrastinators and notes, "Phil Palmisano '83 and Rich Klein '81 are alive and well," and asked, "Where are the rest of you guys?" Gee, I wonder why we have not heard from them?

Ron Simons is back in New York after receiving his M.F.A. in acting last year from the University of Washington's professional actor training program. He has moved on from careers in software development (with IBM and HP) and software marketing (with Microsoft). Perhaps sales would have been better training for acting?

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Thanks to everyone who has contacted me during the past several months with updates for Class Notes. The column seems to grow with every issue, and our class has demonstrated a great deal of school spirit and success.

I just returned from a business trip to China (my 30th visit). You can imagine my surprise when I turned on Fox TV in Hong Kong and saw a promotional excerpt of **Wayne Root**'s appearance on *The O'Reilly Factor* (Wayne: Great tie!). If you enjoy reading about your classmates but have not contacted me, please send an e-mail!

On May 9, we had our first 20th reunion committee meeting at **Peter Ripin**'s office (Thanks, Peter!). So far, committee members include **Andy Gershon, Ken Chin, Gary McCready, Jonathan Green, Eric Wertzer, Marcus Brauchli, Alex Treitler, David Einhorn, Steven Greenfield, Ben Geber, Ed Joyce, Michael Katz, Peter Ripin, Kevin Chapman, George Wilson, David Harrison** and myself. It is extremely important that we form a large committee as soon as possible to help plan reunion activities and ensure maximum participation. Whatever level of support you can provide is appreciated. Most importantly, we need you to tap into your network of Columbia friends. People living outside NYC are especially needed to help organize reunion support. Remember, we will only have one 20th college reunion, so let's make it a success!

David Harrison is "director of executive communication (mainly speechwriting) at Verizon Communications, after having held speechwriting positions at IBM and Merrill Lynch, among other places. I live in Riverdale, N.Y., am the father of three — Olivia (7), Randolph (2) and Porter (1) — and am married to Hilen Shy Harrison, a native of Japan and a musician by training and practice. In May, I'll be abandoning 20 years of apartment living for my first house (in Riverdale) since childhood. In general, after a protracted series of professional and personal missteps, life has turned, well, good. I'm proud of being (what I hope is) a good husband and father, having a flat stomach and continuing to read serious literature. My ambition is to write something — anything! — of real significance, but failing that, I'll content myself with being a corporate hack. My best wishes to all."

I had an enjoyable conversation with **Bruce Abramson,** who received his Ph.D. in computer science from Columbia and his J.D. from Georgetown. He is an economist with Charles River Associates, a consulting firm in D.C., and specializes in anti-trust analysis and the valuation of intellectual property portfolios. He was an observer in Florida for the presidential election and expects to attend the 20th reunion.

Steven Rubenstein reports, "I've been enjoying your columns very much. It's great to hear about old friends, and one day — I swear it — I'll make it to a reunion. I'm working as a development executive for producer Mace Neufeld (*Sum of All Fears, The General's Daughter, The Omen, No Way Out, The Hunt for Red October*). I came to Hollywood after getting my Ph.D. from Columbia and teaching at Bucknell. I'm married to Laura Spitzer '83 Barnard '90 GSAS, and we have two kids, Michael (12) and Jessica (almost 9). I'd love to hear from other Columbians working in Hollywood (or aspiring to work in Hollywood), and I'd also be willing to help out Columbia students with summer internships and career advice."

Steve, there is no better time to attend a reunion than next year. The unfortunate events of last year underscore how important it is to seize the moment. We hope to see you at the 20th!

David Bowden is "the senior database administrator for Key Education Resources, a division of Key Bank USA, NA. I am in the Boston office. I have been a resident of Beverly, Mass., for 11 years. There, I serve on the Beverly Homecoming board and volunteer at Beverly Bootstraps Food Pantry. I have a dog, Sophie, and a horse, Zimbabwe. Since I have lived in Massachusetts, I also have become an avid horseman and occasional polo player. I have been an avid Harley-Davidson motorcyclist since 1986. I tutor with the Boston Chinatown Community Center ESL program doing bilingual tutoring in English/Mandarin (my degree was in East Asian Studies)."

Gerald Brandt writes, "I received your message and have every intention of giving a meaningful response, however, as I am an accountant and this is the height of tax season, I have no time to do so. Have you heard from **Robert Asher** or **Greg Keller**? Thanks for taking Class Notes by the horns. I will be in touch."

Andy Gershon lives with his wife and two children on the Upper West Side. He is an assistant attorney general and still plays basketball regularly. He is in touch with **Koko Eaton** and many other classmates.

I briefly spoke with **Ed Joyce** (the former Columbia Lion). He lives with his wife and children on the Upper West Side and promises to send a detailed e-mail shortly.

I e-mailed **Ed Barbini** to confirm my recollection that he used to be a sports announcer for WKCR. He comments, "Yep, basketball, football and a little baseball. I saw a lot of losing football games, but had a lot of fun doing it, and it made me a better speaker and more effective in presentations. WKCR was a terrific place to learn about lots of things, and I met lots of interesting people. (It also meant I didn't have to call home often, since my folks could hear me on the air …) I also heard the entire Columbia band repertoire (I still can't listen to 'I hear you knocking but you can't come in,' without thinking of the band). I'm now vice president of communications for IBM's software business, the second-largest software business ($13B) in the world behind Microsoft. Having fun (and a big Curious George fan, hope that's going well for you, Roy), and IBM is a great place to work … lots of smart people, from Nobel laureates to just terrific and driven experts in all sorts of fields. Even a few Columbia people."

Don Steinberg quips, "Roy, thanks for getting some action back into the '83 section of *Columbia College Today*'s Class Notes. I've never checked in before, but here you go: Being a *Jester* editor must have prepared me for (or doomed me to) a career in magazines. I am a freelance writer for *GQ, Men's Journal, Philadelphia* and others. I did *GQ*'s '75 Funniest Jokes of All Time' list a couple years ago. I'm executive editor at *Ziff Davis Smart Business*, a magazine about business technology, and have a Web site (www.bluedonut.com) where I try to be funny. I'm living outside of Philly, married with two

kids and two cars, all of which keep getting older and bigger. Occasionally, I hear from **Mark Momjian** as he tries to recruit me to interview local candidates for college admission. I usually decline; they're all smarter than I am, and I can't advise them how to get into Columbia, because I still don't know how I did."

Michael Doino lives in White Plains, N.Y. He has been married to LucyAnn for 13 years. They have two children, Jaclyn (10) and Joseph (5). Michael worked at Prodigy for 15 years and has now ventured out into his own marketing consulting business.

Kevin Bank notes, "I started getting *CCT* again after September 11. The horrors of that day pulled me back to memories of living in New York, working on Broad Street after college and fears that people I knew may have been killed. Fortunately, there were none in that category although I noted with sadness that there were many Columbia grads who died. I have been on the move since graduating from NYU Law School in 1987. From 1987–98, I lived in Washington, D.C., working mostly for the Federal Trade Commission as a consumer protection attorney. Though I enjoyed living amidst the political intrigue, I was ready for a change and a return to my more laid back South African roots. My wife, Melissa Scanlan, whom I met in D.C., is an Oregon native with a passionate dislike of D.C. summers, and so, in 1998, we moved to Seattle with our two kids, Isabelle (7) and Jeremy (5). I am a disciplinary counsel for the Washington State Bar Association, my wife is a lawyer for inforspace.com, and we love this mild and beautiful city, dot-com crashes and rain notwithstanding. I still maintain contact with Michael Silberstein '82, his wife, Sylvia Pereli '83 Barnard, and Mark Garrett '82E and his wife, Lynn Kawasaki '83 Barnard (I hope I'm getting the graduation dates right)."

Andrew Abere states, "I live in central New Jersey with my wife, Lisa, and our children, Spencer and Amanda. I am an economist with Princeton Economics Group, a consulting firm, and a part-time lecturer in the department of economics at Rutgers. I also am the ride director for the Ride for Autism, a charity bicycle ride that my wife and I started to raise awareness about autism and to benefit nonprofit organizations that serve people with autism and their families."

Andrew Barovick reports, "After close to 10 years of fighting crime as an assistant district attorney, reality beckoned and I am now in private practice at a midsize Manhattan firm that specializes in defending doctors and hospitals in medical malpractice lawsuits. My wife, Lesley, and I live in Cobble Hill (Brooklyn). Lesley is a freelance development consultant who works for Celebrate Brooklyn and teaches infant and toddler music classes (Music Together, Music for Aardvarks). We have a 5-year-old boy and a 2-year-old girl. I have frequently run into fellow Brooklynite Roland Lewis '81, who heads up Habitat for Humanity in New York and was my fraternity brother at Sigma Nu."

Marty Avallone writes, "Claudia and I are blessed with two wonderful children, Michaela (3) and Cole (17 months), and we celebrated our fifth wedding anniversary this year. Claudia and I were raised, and our parents still live, one-half mile from each other in New York, but we met in North Carolina and moved to Atlanta soon after we got married. I came to Atlanta to join MAPICS, an enterprise application software company, and am its vice president, general counsel and business development. Prior to MAPICS, I was a senior lawyer with IBM for 11 years, which I joined after graduating from Duke Law School. Thanks, Columbia, for helping me get to where I am today." Marty, one of the ways to show your thanks to Alma Mater is by getting involved in the upcoming reunion!

Frank Antonelli reports, "Good timing, as I have made contact with several classmates for the first time in a long time during the last several weeks. Here is a recap of what I have been up to lately. After graduating from Ohio University with a masters in sports management, I spent about 12 years working with Jack Nicklaus managing private golf clubs and PGA/LPGA tournaments. In 1999, I moved to Charleston, S.C., where I started a sports management company that manages several televised celebrity golf tournaments (Hootie and the Blowfish, Delta Celebrity Challenge, Kiawah Children's Hospital Classic), and we recently developed and opened a new private golf course in Charleston, Bulls Bay Golf Club. We also manage a couple of bands and comedians. My wife, Debbie, is a television basketball analyst for women's college basketball and the WNBA. We have three boys, Joey (7), Frankie (4) and Patrick (3 months). Looking forward to hearing from more old friends. Keep up the good work."

Dan Guadalupe, a partner in the Somerville, N.J., law firm Norris, McLaughlin & Marcus, P.A. was honored for serving as past president by the Hispanic Bar Foundation. Dan represents individual and corporate clients in commercial litigation matters. He has served as an adjunct professor of law at Seton Hall and was awarded his J.D. in 1986 from University of Pennsylvania.

I even received a few e-mails from Columbia grads who are not in our class.

Jim Reinish '82E, a fellow Columbia marching band member (trumpet), writes, "I just found out about the College class page Web site (www.college.columbia.edu/alumni/classpages/). I wasn't a member of your class, but it was great to read about old acquaintances. I was wondering if you have heard from **Mark Licht**?" Jim is married with three children and works for the Port Authority in NYC.

Jon White '85 notes, "After many readings of *Columbia College Today*, Eddy '83 and Leon Friedfeld '88 mentioning your many activities, as well as passing by Runway Tires seeing your trucks, I finally decided to kick myself forward and say hello." Jon and I left large New York law firms to pursue entrepreneurial opportunities, and it is always great to hear from him.

I received a poignant e-mail from **Maury Budow.** Maury and I lived on the same block while growing up. Maury writes "I was a bit reluctant to reply, as to update my life over the past few years is a bit complicated, and I'm not crazy about reducing it into a cheerful three-sentence blurb, but here goes. I'm a geriatrician, and I lived in Ann Arbor, Mich., for the past 11 years where I finished my fellowship training. I was married, and I have three children: Rami (10), Jonah (8) and Elianna (6). Unfortunately, my wife died of lymphoma in 1998. I managed life as a single father pretty well, but after three years, I decided that I needed a change, and last summer I moved to Israel. I live in Jerusalem. Fortunately, I met a wonderful woman, Carolyn Ben-David, a widow with two sons, and we are planning to get married this month. We've bought a new home in the town of Modi'in, and though the situation in Israel is sad at the moment, we are optimistic that things will eventually improve significantly."

Finally, I was very sorry to learn about the passing of Bob Kemp '82. Bob was one of the most active Columbia students in the early '80s and a great asset to Columbia College. He will be missed by countless friends and classmates.

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Only two classmates checked in for this issue, but thanks to a little classmate name dropping, our column gains some much needed gravitas.

Peregrine Beckman is a film and TV editor living in L.A. with his wife, Elizabeth Leicester '87, and their two children, Eleanor and Julian. His latest exploit was editing a show for CBS, *American Fighter Pilot*, a "reality" show. In his words, "I've never worked so hard in all my life, so watch it Fridays at 8, damn it!" On a recent visit to New York, he met with his old roommate **Gregory Lynch**, and he volunteered his e-mail to old friends: pernbeckman@earthlink.net.

Tennis maven **David J. Eisenstein** took a few minutes from hitting balls and practicing medicine to check in. "I sit here feeling nostalgic as I enjoy reading another issue of Class Notes. I have enjoyed reading about floormates from 14 John Jay (Peter Simonson, Roy Pomerantz, Mark Licht, Matt Samarel et al from the Class of '83). Myself and **Eldridge Gray,** Frank Rotondo '84E and my roommate, Tom Goehring '85, were the only freshmen on that floor, living in the corner suite amidst the lively bunch listed above. After graduating from medical school and finishing residency at University of North Carolina in beautiful Chapel Hill, I am a practicing pathologist for eight years now in a community hospital in the Cincinnati area. My wife, Lisa, (high school classmate of Kevin Cronin '83, **Wally Griffith** and **Greg Poe** at Shaker Heights High School in Cleveland) and I will celebrate our 15th wedding anniversary in September 2002. Although we have no kids, we are busy. Lisa is an avid equestrian (dressage), and I still play tennis competitively." Dave, when next you visit N.Y., be sure to bring your racquet. I'll call **Ed Ho** and **Dave Stafford** … but, unfortunately, our court in front of John Jay is no more.

A very special Mazel Tov to my friend, **Mark Gill,** and his fiancée, Robin, on their engagement.

Looking forward to hearing from more classmates.

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Seth Schachner writes: "**Andrew Lund** was married to Ruti Ben

Artzi more than a year ago. He has temporarily moved to Paris, where Ruti is studying for her doctorate. Andrew, who has moved on from his New York law firm, is happily writing scripts and keeping busy in his new surroundings, with many exciting plans to travel the continent.

"**Howard Rappaport** (who works in real estate development in the metropolitan region) and his lovely wife, Liz, welcomed their first daughter, Hillary, seven months ago. They live on the Upper West Side.

"**Geoffrey Kalish** has been running and building a successful investment fund in New York. He lives in Westchester with his wife, Michelle, and two sons, Ben and Eli.

"I'm in charge of new media strategy and business development for a New York-based record company, Zomba/Jive Records, home to the 'teen pop' movement. My wife, Allison, and I brought our first son, Miles Andrew, into the world in April 2001. We live on the Upper West Side.

"I hope these are helpful notes. I know a few details about others. **Mark Fallick** practices medicine in New Jersey. He lives with his wife and child (or children); **Mike Krumper** continues to work in the music business and lives in Montclair, N.J., with his wife, Heather, and daughter, Lydia, but I'm not as filled in on the details of these folks."

Mike Reilly writes, "Here's an update from me (the first in about 10 years, perhaps?): My wife, Elaine, and I became proud parents to a girl, Melina Christine, in November 2001. Melina joins her brothers Patrick (7) and Keelin (3) as potential future Lions — if we can afford the tuition!

"We continue to make our home in Wilmington, Del., though I now have a N.Y.-style commute, going to Philadelphia where I work for FMC Corp. as lead group counsel for FMC's global agricultural products business. I remain in touch with a good number of CC/Barnard friends, though with the increasing demands of work and family, it's now often limited to an exchange of Christmas cards."

Kevin Kelly writes: "I am composing this submission in the Stockholm Public Library. I have been traveling since the end of March and am having a swell time. The art, architecture and overall vibe in Berlin was very intense, very frenetic; Helsinki was worth it for me just to touch the Saarinen and Aalto buildings; Tallinn was charming, and we are so happy for the Estonians, free at last; and of course, here in Stockholm everything is expensive but oh, so nice. I have a lovely apartment overlooking City Hall and the water, and spend my days here as I have the last five weeks or so, going to museums, writing in my journal, drinking lots of coffee, checking out people and eating. I leave tomorrow for Copenhagen, where I will be for about 10 days before returning to N.Y. This has been a great trip on many different levels. Lots of planes, trains and luxurious overnight ferries from city to city."

Keep those submissions coming, please!

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Susan Benesch heeded my e-mail plea for news and sent this update: "After six years as a full-time newspaper correspondent in Latin America, especially Cuba and Haiti, I returned to N.Y. and co-wrote a book for the New York Public Library on rough drafts of poems, *The Hand of the Poet: Poems and Papers in Manuscript* (Rizzoli, 1997)." Then I went to Yale Law School to study human rights law, graduated last May, and am a fellow at the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights in Washington, working on refugee law. I'm engaged to a wonderful guy, Tom LeBrun, who's a physicist."

Peter McLaughlin was promoted to assistant general counsel at Sun Microsystems. He and his wife, Elizabeth, just welcomed their second child, Grace Elizabeth, who joins their son, Alexander.

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I am back in the United Kingdom after a three-week jaunt to the United States, where I had some time to hang out with classmates. In fact, it was really a Columbia trip all around, as my brother Danny '95 and I celebrated the Passover Seder hosted by our father, Rabbi Alvin Kass '57. I had dinner with **Lee Ilan,** met up with **Jennifer Bensko** and later with **Richard Simonds,** and also saw **Art Small** and met his wife, Dawn, and darling daughter, Zoe, during a visit to their house.

At lunch with **Cathy Webster,** she told me she ran into **Linda Macri** and **Irene Tucker** at the Modern Language Association Conference in New Orleans last December. "Linda and I had dinner together and shared agonizing anecdotes about graduate school and job hunting," Cathy said. "I saw Irene only very briefly, but her career as an English professor seems to be flourishing. She'd been at Duke, where the department 'imploded' (in her words), and is now at Johns Hopkins."

Tom Duval sent in this update: "I had a gig with my old friend, Jack Hardy, and he brought me a gift — a promo/advance release copy of a two-CD set from Smithsonian Folkways, called *Fast Folk: A Community of Singers and Songwriters*. The *Fast Folk Musical Magazine* was founded and edited by Jack (and later by Richard Meyer) from the early '80s into the late '90s. Subscribers received a magazine and a record album (later a CD). The album contained 10–12 songs written and performed by unknown songwriters. Some who made debut recording appearances on Fast Folk records include Suzanne Vega, Shawn Colvin, Lyle Lovett, Michelle Shocked, Nancy Griffith and Tracy Chapman. There were 105 issues, with more than 1,000 recordings, across the life of Fast Folk.

"And I didn't know until then that one of those cuts I performed on my friend Judith Zweiman's song, 'Heart on Ice,' is on the two-CD set. I am thrilled and honored to be officially a footnote in American musical history. It was during my last two years at Columbia that I became involved with these people and played on MacDougal Street. In fact, I'm not sure how Dr. Edinger, my senior seminar teacher, would feel if he knew that I wrote most of my senior research paper on comparative East European communist systems by the dim red lights at Speakeasy. I got some ribbing from these folks, but only in a supportive and affectionate way. You should have seen their eyes roll when I was asked, 'What are you reading?' and would show them a book titled *Labor Movements in Eastern Europe* or some such thing. Imagine being able to relive a whole piece of your life just by looking at and listening to a CD. I'm very fortunate, indeed." Congratulations, Tom!

Anne Long Fraenkel-Thonet has been living in London for the past six years. She has two children: Maximilian (2), who goes by Max, and Theodore (five months), who goes by Teddy. **Edward Hoffman** is a lawyer in solo practice in Los Angeles focusing on civil and criminal appeals, after graduating from the University of Southern California Law School in 1993. "I recently passed the exam to be a certified specialist in appellate practice," he said, "though the paperwork will take some time to process. I've been married since 1998 to Ina, a software engineer. I just finished a three-year stint as president of the Columbia University Alumni Association of Southern California; former College Dean Jack Greenberg '45 '48L was at my last event as president."

I also heard from Jim Carbone '90, who was president of our class during our first year but then took off some time to travel through Europe, Eastern Europe and Turkey before the fall of the Iron Curtain and spent two years in San Francisco. He eventually graduated with the Class of 1990, but says, "My heart and memories are still with that freshman year in the class of 1987." Jim is in New York, where he's been owner and chef of the East Village restaurant Mugsys Chow Chow for the past eight years. This year, he expanded it and renamed it Patio Dining. He recently married designer Pixie Yates. Jim wrote: "I'm also curious about **Pat Codd**, my freshman roommate, and **Christian Pschorr**, my favorite singer of all time. Also, greetings to my Alpha Delta Phi brothers and members of the freshman lightweight crew team."

In the next issue, we will have the full reunion report, but for now, let me just thank all of you once again for all the great contributions you've sent for the column. Please keep it up!

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Every once and awhile, you open your eyes and look around and realize that there are people in this world who do things that make a difference. And with the state of the union as it is today, that truly is something in which to take comfort — even more so when the person doing those things is a classmate.

What got me to thinking about this were the exploits of **Patrick Ball,** as reported in major metropolitan publications around the world. Patrick has spent a decade perfecting the use of computer technology in the service of human rights and for three years traveled back and forth to Kosovo, culling data on civilian deaths in an attempt to provide irrefutable statistical documentation that the blood of ethnic cleansing stained the hands of former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic. Working independently of the U.S.

government, Patrick and his team identified 4,400 people who had been killed, and, by comparing recorded refugee movements against these death records, he discovered that that the numbers rose and fell in the same pattern in the same parts of the country, suggesting that they shared a common cause. By crossing these records with the daily military action reports, he lined up all the patterns of behavior and created graphs of the results. Recently, in an international courtroom in the Hague where he confronted Milosevic, his data pointed incontrovertibly to the fact that Yugoslav forces conducted a systematic campaign of ethnic cleansing against the Albanian population. Makes you feel like donning the ol' Light Blue and doing some good in the world, too.

Andrea Mia (Groder) has been making her living and life in and around the movie business, producing independent features and documentaries, a far stretch from Wednesday afternoons at the movies with popcorn and Annette Insdorf, but it'll do. Her latest film has stretched the boundaries of production and pushed the language of cinema, having been shot in one night with 24 actors including John Ritter. *Man of the Year* is just starting its festival run, so look for it. She wanted us to know that this column reminds her of the Columbia Blue that is always near and dear to her heart and especially all the fond memories she has of making fun of the football team. She considers herself blessed that she gets to hang out with two of her Columbia classmates on a regular basis: **Tom Halasz** and former East Campus roommate **Russ Glazer.** Tom and his wife, Kai, just had their first child, Eva. Tom is an editor in documentaries and features. Russ is a litigation partner at Troy & Gould in L.A. and has just celebrated the birth of his third child, Talia Justine Glazer. Talia joins a household filled to the brim by big sister Samantha (3), big brother Jacob (6), Russ, and his wife, Sandra Barrientos. To top things off, Russ's mother-in-law is visiting for at least six months to help take care of the baby. Good luck, Russ.

Former 4 Carmanite **Steve Silverstein** lives in N.Y. after graduating from Wharton in '99 and working for TD Securities, where he advises auto parts companies and defense contractors. He tells me that **Scott Marantz** and his wife, Susan, are still in L.A., where Scott works for Merrill Lynch Trust. Light Blue track man **Geoff "Digger" Hoffman** and his wife, Robin, moved from Goshen, Ind., to Elkhart, home of Karl "The King" Ottersberg '91, another Lion trackman, or I suppose "field" man would be preferable, seeing as Karl put shot back then. **Paul Foster** is married and lives in South Florida with his wife, Dawn, and **Ben Horowitz** is CEO of LoudCloud. He and his wife, Felicia, have been blessed with three lovely daughters. Great to hear from you Steve, but what, no news about wild man/skate punk extraordinaire **Dave Jagoda**?

My apologizes to that decidedly large reservoir of **Emily Skopov** confidantes who took her latest news with such consternation that the barrage of e-mails almost derailed one of those pesky script deadlines upon which she makes her living. Emily and Todd Normane are quite blissfully together in L.A. raising daughter Austen, who is growing up healthy and happy and probably unaware of the confusion created by the announcement of her birth. Emily and Todd were introduced by family and did not meet through an online service, although as Em and I agree, and which such notables as the happily-wed-three-childrened Janeen and **Durc Savini** would attest, there is nothing wrong with such services. So while Emily and Todd began their bicoastal relationship mainly via the Internet, it moved offline when Todd moved west from New Jersey. A N.Y. native, all Em had to do was relocate 3,000 miles to find someone in her own backyard. We wish the three of them quiet days and e-mail-less nights on the West Coast as surely more of those script deadlines loom.

Two things, guys: Make the world a better place, and have fun. Anytime you're doing one of those, it's a win. When you get both at the same time, it doesn't get any better.

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It's the end of an era. **Matt Assiff** married the lovely Lisa Young on April 27 at the Champions Golf Club in Houston. Present at the ceremony and reception were a number of Columbia classmates, teammates and colleagues — Matt was a triple letterman in swimming, football and track — including **Todd Thomason,** Jason Au '88 and Andrew McFarland '90 from the swim team; **Dan Loflin** from the football team; John Eckel '73, Matt's new manager; **Lisa Landau;** and myself. Respective wives Alison Thomason, Alexandre Au and Gretchen McFarland, and dates, were in tow. The Columbia crew first reconnected at the wonderful rehearsal dinner at the restaurant where the couple had their first date. Matt and Lisa, who had been dating for a little more than two years, were introduced by a mutual friend, who served as the maid of honor.

The couple honeymooned in France for two weeks. Described as a "tour de France, but not on bicycles," they enjoyed delicious wine and food. Winning the favorite appetizer prize was the innovative bon bons of fois gras. Favorite meal was the veal with white asparagus and morels in a cream sauce. Matt added that the French were on their best behavior, and that he was only mistaken for Jerry Lewis twice. At such times, Matt would respond with a "Hey, lady." He refrained from soliciting funds for muscular dystrophy, though he was offered up to 2,000 euros for the charity. Matt fit in one round of golf in a town near Bordeaux. The newlyweds came back with wine and a few paintings to remind them of their trip.

Lisa is an anesthesiologist and, like Matt, a Texas native. After more than a decade in the investment banking business, Matt moved on to new, yet related, pastures. He joined Copano Energy as senior vice president of finance and administration, where he reports to John Eckel '73 (as noted above), who is the CEO, and a rather young looking one at that; he looks no older than an '87!

Taking advantage of already being in Texas, I flew to Austin to spend a few days with **Gina Shishima** and her husband, David Sosa, always gracious hosts. Gina continues as a patent attorney with Fulbright & Jaworski, one of the largest law firms in Texas and the nation. About a month prior to the trip, I cornered **Lamia Rita Matta** coming out of a shop in Healdsburg, Calif., a quaint town in Russian River wine country. Lamia, who clerks for a judge in El Paso, Texas, and received a J.D. from the University of Texas, was in the Bay Area visiting her sister. She told me that **Michael Young** and **Naomi Hanser** were living in Austin with their two children. So, while in Austin, Gina and I speculated on what the couple was up to. We rightfully assumed Naomi was still doctoring, though she was on maternity leave at the time, as she had just given birth to their second son, Eli. And we figured that Michael was a professor at UT Austin; as reported in this column a number of years ago, he received a Ph.D. in sociology from NYU.

We "googled" him, and we were right. We found him on the UT sociology faculty home page. After a quick e-mail exchange, I was able to catch up with the family. Michael had just completed the spring term, and Naomi was on maternity leave. The two are enjoying Austin, where they have been for two years, though they expressed yearnings for family and friends back on the East Coast. Their adorable older son, Noah, has been blessed with the family curls. For any of you looking to go to a hip, fun restaurant in NYC, check out Mexican Radio at 19 Cleveland Pl., which is owned by Michael's older brother.

Ian Kohlhaas was married on October 13, 2001, in Zoar, Ohio, to the former Susan Porterfield. The two met when Ian was delivering pizzas while studying for the Indiana bar exam! They are the proud parents of Lance Michael Kohlhaas, who was born in the spring at 7 lbs., 13 oz., 20½ inches. Ian has high hopes for Lance: "[I hope he'll be] a Lion football stud to help get that Ivy title!" Classmates in attendance included **Matt Nettleton, Paul Richardson** and Shep Long '88. The highlight of the reception, according to Ian, was the four of them doing a Rockette routine to Sinatra's "New York, New York." Matt's wife, Jessica, stayed home with their then 2-year-old son, Michael, and infant daughter, Grace. Matt is a successful real estate agent in Indianapolis who "could sell ice to Eskimos," according to Ian. Shep's wife, **Patty (Ryan) Long,** could not make it, as she was at home with their son, though she did put in a call to wish the bride and groom much happiness. Paul's wife, Robby, also was in attendance, while they left their daughters, Ellie and Ana, in the care of their grandparents.

Ian provided an amusing anecdote about Paul. In 1993, when he was studying in England (overseas law school for Pepperdine), Paul's local soccer team was making it deep into the playoffs, a tourney where club teams play single elimination. Eventually, the professional teams get involved, and the local beer pub team that made it the furthest could end up playing Manchester United for the English championship. Paul's team made it very far and the English press loved the fact that he was a former junior national team captain. He got some good press, "hating every minute of it," according to Ian. Unfortunately, it poured rain at Ian's game, and they lost.

It was terrific to hear from **Dan Javitch,** who reports on the "road

less traveled." Dan moved from New York, where he was a "lawyer/drone" at one of the big New York firms, to the San Francisco Bay Area three years ago to become a high school teacher. After a year at UC Berkeley getting his teaching credentials, he took a job at Mission High School in San Francisco, where he teaches 10th grade English and ESL. His school has all of the urban school problems you see on TV, according to Dan, but the kids are so great, and he is "really, really, really, really happy with the move, and not just because I can tell lawyer jokes again."

Dan recently put his legal skills to good use helping out with the school's mock trial team, and he has even convinced two of his best students to apply to Columbia. Says Dan, "I think they'll go if they get in ... hint, hint, Admissions Office." He misses New York and believes he may be losing his edge, but is happy with the move and is waiting for George W. Bush to fulfill his alleged education agenda so he can "maybe afford to move from Oakland to San Francisco."

Cristina Mitchell responded to my desperate plea for news. She felt inspired to write to *CCT* (for the first time; note: there are at least four former "*CCT* virgins" in this column) after reading about 8 Carman floormate **Pete Ginsburg** and suitemate **Heidi (Himmelfelt) Wolpo**w in the two prior columns. After graduation, Cristina "goofed around" for a year, then moved back to NYC to work at the National Organization for Women. While there, she decided what she really wanted to do was be a doctor, so she went back to G.S. to do pre-med stuff. She got into Brown Medical School and moved to Providence, R.I., in 1993. Providence is a funny place, she notes, with "an amazing inertial pull and lots of local color," including a mayor who recently was on trial for racketeering. She stayed for residency in family medicine, is on the Brown faculty and works at a community health center that serves a largely immigrant, Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking population. She married Roger Blumberg '83 (whom she met at the Hungarian Pastry Shop — Cristina worked there during college and on and off post-college) in 1996 in Venice. Roger is in the computer science department at Brown and teaches at the Rhode Island School of Design. Their daughter, Eliana Ruth, was born on February 7, 2002.

It was a delight to hear from Furnald floormate **Peter Furniss.** After graduation, he spent three years in New York, working at various places and pursuing a Ph.D. in classics at Columbia. After a year in the Ph.D. program, he "bailed" and applied to law schools. He married his girlfriend of three years, Gillian McLoughlin. The two met during the summer of 1989, the result of an office romance at Cambridge University Press in New York. Peter then went to Harvard Law School. After graduating in 1995, he joined Debevoise & Plimpton in New York as an associate in the project finance area. In 2000, he soured on the law firm thing and has worked ever since at Sithe Energies, an independent power producer with plants throughout North America and Asia and headquarters in the Big Apple, where he is vice president and assistant general counsel.

The job has been "an exciting ride, with the trials and tribulations in the energy business (and the world, for that matter) of late." The move to Sithe allowed him to spend more time with Gillian and their growing family: Jocelyn McKenzie, born July 8, 1999, and Arthur Christian, born July 21, 2001. The kids are as blond as Peter, but with dark blue eyes like their mother. Earlier in the year, the family enjoyed a trip to Oaxaca, Mexico, a "workout" with the newborn and $2\frac{1}{2}$-year-old. Peter and **Bruce Machanic** exchange Christmas cards and the "occasional birth announcement." But he has lost touch with just about everyone else at Columbia, and would welcome e-mails to pfurniss@sithe.com.

Tina Hely, who has spent a good deal of time post-graduation living overseas and not sitting still for a moment, is a human resources consultant in Munich for Alllianz, one of the world's leading insurance groups. Tina got married on May 28. Her husband is a physicist who works for BMW as a project engineer in the research and development department. The two met at a ballroom dancing class; they were looking for partners and found each other. After Columbia, Tina worked in midtown for a year and a half as a paralegal. After that, she worked for Price Waterhouse, also in Manhattan. In August 1991, she moved to Prague to teach English and German, and stayed for a year. When she came back to the United States, she got her masters in international affairs at The George Washington University and worked in Reston, Va., for almost two years for a German company, Giesecke & Devrient. In March 1996, she moved to Paris and stayed there for a year, working first for Pfizer and then for the Fulbright Commission. She then moved to London to work for a venture capitalist. In 1998, she moved back to Virginia and worked for the Nature Conservancy in Arlington for almost three years. She moved to Munich in May 2001 and took a job at an Internet startup, but it downsized by half and she was laid off in September 2001. She landed on her feet, which doesn't seem to be an issue for Tina, securing her job at Allianz in February.

Tom Yang writes in that his wife, Cindy, gave birth to their son and first child — Matthew Inchul Yang — on April 9. After working at law firms post graduation, Tom is an in-house attorney at the investment bank CSFB in New York, and Cindy is a prosecutor with the Queens County District Attorney's office. Tom and Cindy married in November 1999 and met through a Barnard '92 friend of Tom's and also a law school classmate of Cindy's. The Yang family lives in Forest Hills, Queens. Tom graduated from Fordham Law in 1994. He updated us on Sunil Shah '90 GS, who recently was in the United States, in from Manila, to visit his parents and sister in Boston. He's been happily married to Rachel for many years. The couple has three children: Miguel Alfonso, Martina Alyssa and Samantha Clara. Tom is godfather to Miguel, and no, writes, Tom, you don't have to kiss his ring.

After Columbia, **Isaac Castaneda** worked in banking, trading, and asset management, always focused on emerging markets, most specifically Latin America. In 1994, he received an M.B.A. from Wharton and in 1999, after having suffered too many of the booms and busts of the region's markets, he sought change in his life. He found renewal through marriage to Maggie Miqueo '93 and through geographic relocation, both of which occurred in 1999. Although Maggie is of Cuban descent, she has family in the Dominican Republic. The two felt that the lifestyle and business conditions in that country attracted them to move there, and Isaac now runs an ice factory and water bottling operation in Santo Domingo while Maggie is international legal counsel to a local telecommunication company. They also started a real estate development company, Grupo Constructivo, with a good friend from their Columbia days, Luis de los Santos '87E. The prospects for their activities are very good, according to Isaac, and the lifestyle in the country is excellent. "Of course, we miss all of the activity of the Big Apple," but at the end of the day, they have a lot more time for quiet entertainment and for the enjoyment of the outdoors. "By the way," Isaac adds, "as I am sure you will agree, not enough can be said about decent weather year-round." (I concur.) In other news, Isaac is godfather to the son of **Ahpaly Coradin,** whose wife, Sae Iguchi, delivered on February 3. His name is Akira. Ahpaly practices law at Hughes, Hubbard & Reed in Miami, and is happily married to Sae, whom he met while living in Japan.

Eric Dawson admits to being a "dismal contributor" to our Class Notes, but he's atoning for his sins now. Eric lives in Coral Gables, Fla., where he is a prosecutor in the Miami-Dade County State Attorney's Office. He explains that a state attorney is the same as a district attorney above the Mason-Dixon Line. He really likes his job and enjoys the fact that he's a courtroom lawyer at trial instead of a "paper-pusher sitting behind a desk all day at a large law firm!"

Starting where he left off, Eric moved to Europe after graduation and was a teacher/translator/editor in Copenhagen for several years. In 1993, he returned to N.Y.C. and taught English and social studies in public and private schools. In 1996, he started law school at Brooklyn Law. In 1999, he moved to Florida and was a lobbyist at a large law firm for about a year and a half, whereupon he became closely involved in the 2000 Gore-Lieberman campaign in Miami-Dade and Broward counties. I thank Eric for his eloquence regarding the Class Notes — "They bring me back to those four years that went so fast, seemingly so long ago. (And, by extension, they always make me miss NYC)."

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Something strange is going on. No one wrote in with news, and yet, I have so much to say. **Judy Shampanier** phoned in with a report on the magnificent wedding of my birthday twin, **John Vincenti.** John married a childhood friend of Judy's, Robyn Kampf, a pediatrician in Englewood, N.J. They were married in Eisenhower Park on Long Island on March 10. Judy introduced them in 1999, and the rest was left up to them. Attending John were **Chris Roth** and **Paul Greenberg.** (Can groomsmen attend the groom, or is that reserved for the ladies? Any wedding language experts out there?) Columbia friends witnessing the

Helping Those in Need

Some law students say their plan is to work for a big corporate law firm just long enough to pay off their school loans and build up some savings before returning to the do-gooding of their idealistic student days. Many never quite get back on that path, but **Vera Scanlon '90** has made helping the underprivileged a priority from the start.

Vera Scanlon '90

Scanlon, who grew up in Brooklyn, is an associate at Beldock, Levine and Hoffman, a small New York City law firm. She currently is working on a pro bono case involving City University of New York students. Following September 11, with closer scrutiny being given to immigration status, CUNY started charging undocumented students out-of-state tuition, nearly twice the amount paid by New York state residents. Since early December, Scanlon and her firm have been working to reverse that decision, which affects an estimated 2,000 CUNY students. The case is expected to be heard on appeal this summer.

It's not the first time that Scanlon has worked on immigration cases. She also worked with immigrants while at law school at Yale. "You get to meet a broad range of interesting people," she says. "The issues are more cutting edge [than corporate work], and the questions are intellectual and legally interesting."

In her usual work, Scanlon handles commercial litigation and plaintiffs' cases that involve discrimination.

At Columbia, Scanlon majored in history and hosted a weekly Irish music program on WKCR. She also volunteered at a local soup kitchen. Before law school, Scanlon worked for two years as a paralegal in Washington, D.C., and with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in Louisiana. After Yale, she worked at the law firm Hughes, Hubbard & Reed for 2½ years, then clerked for judges in Brooklyn and Puerto Rico before joining Beldock last November.

"I feel I was lucky to go to Columbia, and I had a scholarship to go to high school," Scanlon says. "I've had all of these opportunities, and I feel you should give back."

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celebration (and I'm sure concurring with Judy's glowing report) were Sandy and **Dan Max**, Ellen and Mike Better '90E, and Julie Schwartz '88 and her husband, Max Weber. Dan, Mike and Julie each have two kids, and Chris is finishing a radiology residency in Boston.

A week later, Judy headed out to New Jersey to **Eleni Demetriou**'s for her daughter Maria's third birthday party. **Judy Bernstein** was there with her 2-year-old son, and of course, **Tina Passalaris** was there to spoil her niece, Maria. Maria received a belated birthday gift in April when Eleni gave birth to her second daughter, Annastasia. Chiming in on the baby report (for Pete's sake, what kind of godmother would I be if I didn't?), I've visited Anna Shampanier-Bowen twice since I last wrote. She's as cute as a button and a very sweet baby.

I had the pleasure and honor of attending **Peter Neisuler**'s wedding to Mariana Lenkova on May 12. Pete met Mariana at Tufts' Fletcher School of Diplomacy, where they earned master's degrees. I had a fun weekend hanging out with **Dan Sackrowitz** (still working in lingerie), **Colin Campbell** (still a nutty professor) and **Steve Winick** (still a folk of lore) and their lovely wives, as well as **Joel Tranter** (who gave a hilarious toast), **Stephanie Aaronson** (still in D.C.) and **Brian Timoney**. Brian, who believes he is making his *CCT* debut, continues to drop his dirty laundry in Denver while spending most of his time in Latin America plying his cartography skills. He is hoping it will provide some of the excitement the Marine infantry gave him from 1991–94. But if it doesn't, at least it will be good to retire his khaki officewear for the foreseeable future. He mentioned that **Dan Abood** practices family medicine in Kent, Ohio; **Alex Roth** is in Carlsbad, Calif., where he surfs and writes for the San Diego *Union Tribune*; and **Narissa Morgan** married an Irishman she met in a Brooklyn bar and lives in County Clare, Ireland.

Hold the presses: these e-mails just in! **Dave Hunt** says there's never a dull moment in Portland, Ore. He's been married for almost 10 years to Tonia, and their children are Andrew (almost 7) and Emily (3). Dave is serving a two-year term as national president of American Baptist Churches USA (and is the youngest president in the denomination's history). He also is running for the Oregon House of Representatives. If you're reading this and live in Oregon, don't forget to vote in November.

Claudine Wolas has a new job at EPSON America doing product management for its new line of photo printers. She laughed when she saw the job description asking for a professional photographer with an M.B.A.! She says it's a great company and a great position for her.

In closing, I encourage everyone to e-mail me with news. If you've just accomplished something wonderful, e-mail me. If you've never seen your name in print, e-mail me. If you think you don't have anything interesting to report, e-mail me. If you want to track down a classmate through this column, e-mail me. If you have stamps to use up before postage increases, send me a letter. Do you see where I'm going with this? (Cue sappy music now.) Let's not be strangers. Let the Columbia bond live on. And who knows, maybe it will grow even stronger.

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Happy 11th reunion, everyone! In lieu of any formal events planned for our class, let this column stand as the big party spot of our official reunion. That's right: Cook up a rubber chicken, pour yourself a glass of cheap wine and pump up your resume. It's time to party. Or at least read highly-edited versions of e-mails sent to me by classmates.

Jeff Ordower goes first because he narrowly missed the deadline for the last issue. Jeff has been organizing for the past nine years, first with Service Employees International Union and then with ACORN, an education and housing-rights group. Jeff recently moved to Bridgeport, where he is the head organizer for Connecticut ACORN. He writes: "We're teaming up with some unions to help build a Working Families Party (similar to New York State), a third party that would have its own ballot line but also be able to cross-endorse Democrats and Republicans."

Moving right along, **Tom Fritsch** writes for the first time to say that he recently left Cravath, Swaine & Moore to accept a position as general counsel of Smith Management LLC, a private investment firm in New York. Tom lives in Westchester with his wife, Ana, and two sons, Thomas Xavier Jr. and Matthew Wolfgang.

Leif Siklossy has no haikus for me but did share some good news about himself: He is working at a drug treatment center in West Palm Beach, Fla. This fall, Leif will work on his masters in social work at Barry University in Miami.

A brief note forwarded from our former dean of students, Roger Lehecka '67, says that **Maurice Coleman** was honored by the Boston Junior Chamber of Commerce on May 3 for being one of the city's outstanding young leaders. No surprise there, 'Reece.

Chris Front reports that after spending two years in the Bay Area, he and his wife, Tasmyn, will head back to the Midwest, where Chris will begin teaching at the John Burroughs School, a private day school in St. Louis, this fall. Chris also has been working hard on his dissertation in American history at Northwestern. Because of his impending move, Chris is ending his tenure as president of the Columbia Alumni Club of Northern California. **Christine Herron**, **Michelle Jacobson Goldman** (down from Seattle, no less), **Tina Gianquitto** and **Matt Segal** attended recent club events. Chris provided the following: **Greg Ostling** and his wife, Angela Tu, have been living in Paris this past year. Greg has been working on a project for his law firm, Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen and Katz. In mid-May, they were traveling around Europe, after which they'll return to Manhattan.

Mike Leiter lives in D.C. with his wife, Amanda, and is completing his tenure as a clerk for Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer. Tamara '92 and **George Takoudes** and their adorable son, Alexander, live in Providence, R.I., where Tamara is completing a fellowship studying high-risk pregnancies. George commutes to Boston where he is an architect at Payette Associates.

Our *Columbia College Today* editor, Alex Sachare '71, informs me that **Javier Loya** is a minority owner of the newest NFL team, the Houston Texans. We hope to have a fuller report on Javier in an upcoming issue, but it's worth noting that Javier is joining the ranks of two other alumni/NFL owners,

Bob Kraft '63 of the New England Patriots and Al Lerner '55 of the Cleveland Browns. I'll also tell you in the next issue about the expansion baseball team I'm setting up in the Rockaways. Until then, thanks for attending our happening 11th reunion. Sorry, you don't have to go home — but you can't stay here.

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There are many reasons why I have enjoyed serving as your humble correspondent during the past 10 years, not the least of which has been staying in touch with many of you and keeping my finger on the pulse of happenings with our classmates.

Unfortunately, there are times, like this column, where I must be the bearer of bad news. And for that, I am sorry. I learned of the sudden and shocking passing of **Leon Fan** in early May. It is a testament to how well known and loved Leon was among our classmates that I heard the news through many different sources; indeed, too many to list.

Leon was very active during our four years on Morningside Heights. We first met while covering Columbia sports for *Spectator*. I certainly recall a number of ill-fated intramural teams that we organized together, and all the discussions that we had about student government, where Leon spent much of his time at Columbia. I understand from **Eric Garcetti** that in addition to serving in a variety of roles on CCSC, Leon co-founded Asian-American Artists with Wah Chen '93.

I feel lucky to have been out in Los Angeles in March and having had the opportunity to reconnect with Leon. Of all things, we played pickup basketball in a schoolyard on a Saturday afternoon. We did about as well as our intramural teams, but still had a good time.

Without question, Leon will be missed. Beyond what I normally request from you, my loyal readers (news, notes, etc.), I would welcome your remembrances of Leon in the coming months.

I do not mean to overlook the other news I recently received. **David Aserkoff** is a director of EMEA Equity Strategy for Credit Suisse First Boston. **Tanya Nieri** does youth substance abuse prevention research at Arizona State University and will soon start a part-time doctoral studies program in sociology. She reports that a Latin dance class is "keeping me busy on local dance floors!"

Erin (Zyko) Hussein deserves a mention and an apology. The news of her wedding to Samir Hussein on November 10, 2001, should have appeared in my last column, but due to an oversight on my end, it did not. Erin was married in her hometown of Middlebury, Conn. Guests included **Sayuri Rajapakse** (who works for the federal government advising foreign countries about their copyright laws) and Seth Goldsamt '91, a lawyer at Akin Gump in New York.

This column will have run after our 10th reunion. For those of you who were unable to make it, rest assured, a full report will appear in my next column. Feel free to write in with anything you'd like to add.

Be well.

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Linda Appel graduated from NYU's Stern School of Business in May 2001 and married Adam Lipsius (Dartmouth grad, filmmaker, recent *Jeopardy!* contestant). Linda went to London to work for the family business. She runs Orange Glo Europe, the European subsidiary of Orange Glo International. Linda loves the United Kingdom and is plowing through the company's first retail launch.

Shana Priwer earned a master's degree in architecture in 1997 from the Harvard Graduate School of Design. She spent a couple of years in Arizona before returning to her home state, California, where she now lives in the San Francisco Bay area. Shana is a software engineer, and her partner of eight years is a planetary research scientist. The couple has two children, 3-year-old daughter, Zoecyn, and 6-week-old son, Elijah.

See you next time.

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Not long ago, I found myself at a local reception for Minnesota students who had been admitted to the Class of 2006. It would, of course, be easy to fixate on all these bright, exuberant youths with their whole lives ahead of them. (Maybe it's that recent 30th birthday, but it's astoundingly easy to feel old in such company …) But the event also was populated by a number of alumni who eloquently and self-deprecatingly shared their College experiences, many of them so familiar (the Steps, Columbia Hot Bagels, the importance of remembering the deadline to drop classes) that they couldn't help but evoke a smile. It got me thinking about all those actions and decisions we make in college — some deliberate, some random, some seemingly insignificant — that start to define the roadmap we follow through life's unpredictable turns.

Which, of course, leads us to today. I'm happy to report updates from classmates as they move along their post-College pathways. I recently had the pleasure of catching up with **Ayanna (Parish) Thompson** while she visited Minneapolis for the annual conference of the Shakespeare Association of America. She and her husband, Derek, are doing very well and live in Santa Fe, N.M. Though it's a big change from Boston, Ayanna says they've already grown fond of the Southwest's beautiful scenery. Ayanna enjoyed her first year as Shakespeare professor at the University of New Mexico, where she's teaching, writing and working toward tenure.

Monique (Williams) Morris announced the publication of her novel, *Too Beautiful for Words. [Editor's note: Please see "Bookshelf," November 2001, pages 14-15.]* *Essence* calls the story of life on the streets "intoxicating and quietly devastating in its power." Published last September by Amistad Press, the book will be out in paperback in August.

I received a lovely card from **Nina Habib Spencer**. In mid-March, she and her husband, Parke, welcomed their son, Jack, into the world. The family is doing well and lives in New York City. Nina is on maternity leave from the Environmental Protection Agency, where she is press spokesperson.

Thanks everyone, and please keep the news coming! Until next time …

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What's up with our class and reality television? First, there was **Allison Jones** on MTV's *Road Rules*. Now comes **Amy Anzelowitz** (known as Amy Anzel) on ABC's cheesy hit *The Bachelor*. I was flipping channels one Monday night and saw a familiar face. There was Amy, who looks terrific with straight hair, vying (with 24 other bachelorettes) for the chance to be Mrs. Right. Amy and "the bachelor," a Harvard guy named Alex Michel, talked about being "Ivy Leaguers."

"I did it for the experience," Amy said. "Yes, I did want to meet the man of my dreams. Why not?" Amy made the first cut; 10 women were sent home. She experienced a "group date" with Alex and five other contestants at a spa in Palm Springs, but didn't make the second cut. Nonetheless, she enjoyed the show and defended it. "The majority of the women were well-educated, successful, ambitious and beautiful," she said. "We weren't desperate. We were looking for another way to meet people." Amy lives in New York and is an actress and production coordinator. She spent a few years working for Sony Music producing music-oriented television shows.

Amy's face might not be familiar to all in the class. She transferred from Tufts to Barnard, then spent her last two years at the College. I remember her from Wien, where I was an RA my junior year. Her bio from *The Bachelor* may still be up when this comes out: http://abc.abcnews.go.com/primetime/specials/bachelor/bios/Amy.html.

I recently caught up with Josh Prager '94 in New York. Josh ran into Amy while he was lunching with NBC broadcaster Bob Costas. Amy and Miss Runner-Up invited them to a party for the last episode. (They didn't go.) Josh, a *Wall Street Journal* reporter, was talking baseball with Costas. Congratulations to Josh, who is writing a book about the 1951 New York Giants and sign stealing. The book follows his front-page *Wall Street Journal* scoop that made a big splash in the sports world.

Hilton Romanski has something in common with "the bachelor." They both graduated from Stanford Business School. Hilton finished in June 2000, then left to travel through Turkey and India, where he met the Dalai Lama in McLeod Ganj. Hilton works at Cisco as a manager in the strategy, acquisitions and investments group, helping the company do just those things. "It keeps me busy and my commute is not bad, as I still live in Palo Alto," he writes.

He reports seeing classmates in Galveston, Texas, for **Ryan Mossman**'s bachelor party. Ryan is a partner at his successful technology consulting firm in Texas, McKinley Powell. Several classmates attended: **David Attanasio** (still works on Wall Street, but will be starting at Teachers College next year); **Jon Berkun** (beloved rabbi at a synagogue in Detroit); **Craig Bernstein** (VP at Morgan Stanley); Shane Mogensen '96 (geophysicist for Phillips Petroleum, on assignment

in Alaska) and **Alex Cortez**.

And one last bit: **Jed Weiner** graduated from NYU Law School and begins a job with Cravath, Swaine & Moore this fall.

Thanks for the updates, and keep the news coming.

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Welcome to summer, classmates! Thanks to all of you who have taken the time to send me news of you and your friends.

Michael Goldstrom writes that upon graduation, he spent a year in London studying classical acting at The Royal Academy of Dramatic Art and the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art. In May 2001, he graduated from the Drama Division of the Juilliard School, and that same month he went to Luxembourg to film *The Lost Battalion* for A&E, a war film starring Rick Schroder, which premiered in December. Michael is performing off-Broadway in *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)*, which Shakespeare fans should check out (Michael highly recommends it). Congratulations on your success, Michael!

Hilary Mathews is heading to Brussels for a year with her husband, and when she returns, she will be getting an M.P.A. at Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School. **Alisa Tang** was a reporter at a small paper in Belleville, Ill., until May, at which point she moved to Thailand to start work with the Associated Press in Bangkok. Alisa writes that **Lisa Lauck** is finishing her first year studying photojournalism in Ohio. Lisa had spent four years in the Air Force as a photographer, which took her on assignment to Turkey last year, and she is interning this summer at a daily paper in Topeka, Kan.

Maurice Touegs is still in the headhunting business at Foster McKay. He writes that **Maureen Smith** practices tax law at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton in New York, and **Nina Dubin** is in California pursuing her doctorate in art history. Nina just got a Fulbright Fellowship and is moving to Paris for a few years. **Miriam Peled** is at Emory University doing her residency.

I ran into **Jeremiah Crowell** and **Mike Kadish** in a Chelsea art gallery a couple of months ago. Jeremiah is back in New York from his time in Thailand working in film, and Mike works for a city councilman in Brooklyn after graduating from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government last spring.

Congratulations to my friend Scott Sartiano '97 on opening Butter, his new restaurant/lounge in New York. Butter already has received positive reviews and is a beautifully designed space on Lafayette Street. Nice work, Scott!

That's it for now, everyone. Please continue sending in news of your lives. Until next time: *"Summer afternoon — summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language."* — Henry James.

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Thanks for writing in, everyone! **Lauren Grodstein** left Columbia in May after finishing her M.F.A. in fiction at the School of the Arts. While in grad school, she taught Logic and Rhetoric (surreal to be on the other side of the desk) and also sold a collection of short stories, which came out in June. *The Best of Animals* will be in a bookstore near you (she's hoping, anyway), but should also be available online. Almost every character in it attends or once attended Columbia, so we should all check it out!

Angeline Koo is at Virginia Law School. **James Brust** is finishing his residency at Columbia Presbyterian. **Rebekah Gee** is graduating from Cornell Med and moving to Boston to start residency at Massachusetts General/Brigham and Women's in Ob/Gyn. Vanitha Janakiraman '98 will be in the same resident class.

Cristina Bonaldes graduated from Michigan Business School in April. She is spending the summer doing an independent study on the changing economics of Europe. She plans to meet up with **Catrell Brown** and **Mauricio Mena** in London and Germany, respectively. After Europe, it's off to Venezuela and Trinidad to visit relatives. At the beginning of August, she'll start work at Pfizer in the consumer health products division. **Matt Wang** left UBS Warburg and joined Evercore Partners, a boutique investment bank, in November 2000 as an associate in its advisory practice. **Benjamin Rand** recently started his new job with Babcock & Brown in its Merchant Banking division in N.Y.

Michael Pignatello passed the final round of the Foreign Service examination and plans to attend business school at The George Washington University in the fall. **Andy Selsor** received an M.F.A. in screenwriting from Southern Cal on May 10.

John O'Neill married Jessica Ross '98 Barnard on October 7 at St. Paul's Chapel. The ceremony was performed by Evelyn Langlieb Greer '70 Barnard '73L, a longtime friend of Jessica's family. Will Forster '97E and Lloyd Allen '98 served as groomsmen, Stephanie Shestakow '98 Barnard and Shradha Agarwal '98 Barnard as bridesmaids. Other alumni in attendance: **David Johnson, Ellie Rivkin, Carter Turrell**, Constantino Tobio '95, Martin Mraz '99 and Hilary Gerson '00. John has been working as a management consultant since graduation, first with the now-defunct Mitchell Madison Group and more recently with a small boutique firm, The Ironwood Consulting Group.

Elbert Garcia and Grissel Seijo '93 married on June 22. **Athena Bendo** will be married in December. **Dina Spiegel** married Alisha Andron, a teacher, in May and is completing her Ph.D. in psychology at NYU. **Erica Landes** and **Timothy Benton** were married last September. They live in Chicago, where Erica is completing her Ph.D. in economics at the University of Chicago and Tim is an options trader at Wolverine.

Purvi Shah is engaged to Daniel J. Goor, a writer at NBC. She graduated from the University of Chicago Law School in June and works at Debevoise & Plimpton in New York. **Beth Packman** got engaged and is finishing up her 2L year at NYU. **Jennifer Geetter** graduated from Harvard Law School last year and is a first-year associate at McDermott, Will & Emery in Boston. She specializes in health care related matters and loves her job. **John Enright** is a 1L at Fordham. **Mia Carpiniello** graduated from Georgetown Law School last year and clerks for a federal judge in Miami. **Rana Zincir** is completing a fellowship at the Ford Foundation and moved to Turkey in June. **Timothy Hogan** is a legislative aide for Senator Tom Daschle (D-S.D.)

Jon Grandon and his wife, Sea Ann, welcomed a daughter, Charlotte Maren Grandon, on March 8. Charlotte weighed 7 lbs., 8 oz. She looks forward to attending the reunion.

Erin Mendelson works on the North Shore of Oahu at a private youth camp, Camp Mokuleia. For enjoyment, she watches surf contests, reads about the ocean and catches waves. "Oahu has sunshine year-round," she writes. "I love it. There is nowhere else I would rather live. I spend half the day with my best friend and my cousins. Hawaii functions on the kindness of the large families. Rather than work, work, work, we prefer to enjoy the afternoon with our brothers and sisters."

Jennifer Duran was admitted to the National Urban Fellowship, where she will pursue a masters in public administration. Vivian Santiago '98 has been admitted to a Ph.D. program in epidemiology at the School of Public Health.

After working in Ramallah (West Bank) teaching violin at a music conservatory in 1998–99, **Jeanne Roningen** moved to Mexico (Toluca, then Mexico City), married Patrick Kennelly, taught high school physics and math and now has a daughter, Maria Christina, born in October 2001.

Cristina Rumbaitis-del Rio is finishing a Ph.D. in ecology at the University of Colorado. Life in Boulder is pretty much idyllic, but she still misses New York. Her research is in forest ecology, particularly disturbance ecology, logging and forest management. This fall, she's taking a break from schoolwork and research to do an American Association for the Advancement of Science Mass Media Fellowship. She'll work as a science journalist for WOSU, an NPR station in Columbus, Ohio. After that, she'll finish her thesis, graduate and rejoin the working world.

Rohit Modak married Prema Thirumlai, a 1998 graduate of the Stevens Institute of Technology, on March 30 at the Wayne Manor in Wayne, N.J. Both graduated from New Jersey Medical School in May. They are moving to Washington, D.C., where Rohit will start residency in internal medicine at George Washington University. The following Columbia alumni were at the wedding: **Kevin McDonald**, who recently quit his job in investment banking; **Will Eisner; Tex Miller**, who just moved from N.Y. to Texas and is planning to follow his girlfriend to L.A., where he'll continue his job as a day trader; **Paul Chiu**, who works for Merrill Lynch and is engaged to **Julie Lee**, a nurse in the Pediatric ICU at Cornell Medical Center; **Jebin Chacko**, who began residency at New Jersey Medical School in internal medicine in June; Tarun Mathur '97E, who will begin residency at Brown in internal medicine; Andy Scott '97E, who will start at Columbia B-school in the fall; Mike DeBennidittis '97E, who moved to Chicago from N.Y. for a job; Ernest Yakob '97E, who's a Law School graduate; Arby Engelman '97E, who's working for an accounting company in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; and Tom Pinit '97E, who's living in Oregon and is engaged to Kirstin, whom he met there.

Amrit Nagpal received his M.B.A from the Anderson School at UCLA in June. His wife, Ritu, also

attended the program and graduated in June. They are moving back to San Francisco this summer.

Jyoti Khullar reports that while traveling for work in London, she came across a very familiar face on the television — her freshman year suitemate from Carman 10, **Kate Noble,** a reporter for the BBC.

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In summer-job news, **Julie Yufe** will be in cookie heaven working for Pepperidge Farm in brand management. This fall, she returns to Yale Business School for her M.B.A. program's final year.

Now for some wedding updates: **Cathy Chang** and **Chas Sisk** were married in May 2001. They live in Boston, where Cathy studies at Harvard's Divinity School. She hopes to be ordained in a few years as a Unitarian Universalist minister. "Divinity School is great, and I love it, although I still prefer Columbia to Harvard," she says. Chas works as a business reporter for a start-up paper, *The Daily Deal*. This fall, he returns to Morningside Heights to attend the Journalism School.

Jackie Vo and **Jeff Tse** were married on June 1 in Dallas. The couple, who dated throughout their years at Columbia, will have a second reception in New York later in the summer. Jeff will be an emergency medicine resident at Dallas' Southwestern Medical School. **Stephen Wan** served as Jeff's best man. Stephen works in NYC for Medtronic and is doing very well. Owen Tran '98E and **Andrea Chow** were among the guests at the Dallas wedding. Andrea is finishing up med school at Penn. **Quynh Tran** and **Rick Bhasin** are going to the NYC reception. Quynh was married last September to Hau Cai '95. She works for Citibank. Rick is a neurology resident in Orlando.

Best wishes to all the happily married alums! And once again, please send in your updates, especially if I haven't heard from you in the past.

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Thanks to those classmates who sent in updates. First, congratulations to those classmates who finished up law, business, medical and other graduate programs this past May. We are in the process of assembling a complete list of recent graduates, so please send us any updates, information and announcements so that we can include them in the next issue of *CCT*.

Robin Chan spent four months traveling abroad, spending some time in Eastern Europe, Southeast Asia and various places in between. Upon his return to the United States, Robin spent a few months with the Red Cross at Ground Zero. Most recently, he moved to Washington, D.C., where he works for a boutique management consulting company that has offices in Washington and Lisbon.

Sarah Holst works in London for Salomon Smith Barney in a year-long rotation in the high yield group. After she finishes, she will move to Chicago in the fall to start at the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business, where she will receive the Merton H. Miller fellowship in finance. Also on the international front, **Slaten Bickford** will be moving to London for a year, where he will attend the London Business School. Prior to the move, Slaten worked for Clarion Partners, a portfolio management company in New York, and taught English in the Canary Islands for three months.

Congratulations again to graduating classmates. As always, please e-mail us and let us know about your whereabouts, and we will include them. We look forward to staying in touch with you.

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Hi, again. Listen. I tried to ask you nicely for updates, but now I fear I may need to resort to petty threats. No real news may mean having to spread salacious gossip through the pages of *CCT*. And I know that all of you read this, though you don't like to admit it. You know who you are.

Anyhow, people have gone back to school and among this year's group are **Charlotte Sanders** (Harvard Law), **James Alexander** (urban studies and planning at MIT) and **Sarika Doshi** (Georgetown Law). **Desiree Santos** has been at the School of Social Work and expects to graduate in 2003. I know there are many others, but since I don't know exactly where you're going at press time, you'll need to e-mail me now with the news.

On a recent trip to New York, I called **Lystra Batchoo** only to have her answer from a U-Haul on the Long Island Expressway with **Joel Daniels** and **Seth Kammerman.** Apparently, they were on their way to IKEA to purchase new trinkets for some lucky apartment in the city.

And in D.C., when hanging out with Ramsey Chamie '01, I ran into **Rhonda Henderson.** She was preparing to run a marathon for charity and while she will have already completed this amazing feat by the time this goes to print, I'm sure she'll still accept donations. Please e-mail her at henderson_rhonda@hotmail.com for details.

I've been traveling a lot lately for work, and one spot that I return to with some frequency is Los Angeles. On my last trip to the West Coast, I spent some quality time at a bar in Korea Town with **Rashmi Menon, Erica Easley, Josh Krefetz** and **Mira Lew** (who is still the avid Toronto Maple Leafs fan). Erica had a great story to tell about a bar brawl with Bob Sagat (you know, the *Full House* dad). Also in Los Angeles is **Christine Martinez.**

Genna Weinstein '01 reports that **Charles Saliba** is alive and well in New York doing something incredibly exciting (Charles, please e-mail!). Genna moved back to New York City from Washington D.C., and her longtime roommate, Mariel Martinez '01, is at law school at Penn.

Mason Bates is in a Ph.D. program in composition at UC Berkeley. He recently was awarded a Charles Ives Fellowship, which is given to composers mid-career.

Staci R. Covin has been campaign manager at O'Neil & Associates, a fund raising consulting firm in Atlanta. She manages capital and endowment campaigns, conducts campaign planning studies, coordinates campaign leadership activities and researches prospective donors. Some of her projects were working with the Girl Scouts of South Central Alabama and the Atlanta Bar Foundation.

And finally, congrats to **Gideon Yago,** who I've been told has made *Teen People*'s "Hottest Stars Under 25" list!

Take care and please write, or call (202) 210-7747.

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Hello, everybody! If you haven't written in, I'd love to hear from you. I know many of you are off to graduate school this coming year; let me know what you're up to!

Davina Cohen lives in Adams Morgan (D.C.) where she works as a reporter-researcher for *The New Republic*. "I'm still on the board of directors of the New York Abortion Access Fund, which I started with Lauren Porsch '01 Barnard and Irene Xanthoudakis '01 Barnard. I'm in New York at least once a month. I busy myself by studying acting at the Studio Theatre Conservatory, organizing parties and dinners, milking the D.C. performance scene for all it's worth, putting together wacky costumes, riding my bike and scheming to move to bigger and busier urban centers. I'm likely to be in Bangkok, London or the San Francisco Bay Area next year." Davina also reported that **Kaya Tretjak** and Ben Dubin-Thaler '00 are living together in Washington Heights, preparing to move to Berkeley in the fall, where Kaya will begin law school.

John Balonze is a legal assistant for Orans, Elsen & Lupert and this summer will teach English in Beijing. **Miles Berger** wrote in from the Bay Area. "I'm still in med school here in San Francisco … probably doing research on memory this summer, moving over to 'the dark side,' that is, neuroscience, as is my friend, **David Tsay.**" David is an M.D./Ph.D. student at Columbia.

Lorin Scher is doing well in medical school in D.C. Dave Dobkin '01E works hard at a demanding investment banking job and is living in Murray Hill; Joe Speiser '01GS lives in the same building. **Ari Shrage** finished his first year at the Business School and **Yael Lerman** is in law school at Berkeley.

Liz Griffith has made yet another job change; she hopes it's the the last for a while. In mid-February, she quit her job in publishing for a position with Dyncorp, one of the nation's largest federal contractors. She's working with the criminal division of the U.S. Attorney's Office in a role focused strictly on terrorism. She reports that the work is very rewarding and the people are great, too (including Assistant U.S. Attorney Dani James '90 and Paralegal Richard Stephan '98). The only drawback is long hours, roughly comparable to those of her investment banking friends, including boyfriend **Brian Bedner,** who is at Salomon Smith Barney.

In late March, I attended a casual party for **Alex Eule**'s birthday at his apartment in Murray Hill. Also attending were **Ronen Landa, Scott Hefler,** Jamie Rubin '01 Barnard, Michelle Barone '01E, **Dave Beatus,** Pat Rausch '01E and Michelle Kann '01 Barnard. It

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turns out that **Reema Kapadia** and **Rabia Saeed** live in the same building!

Vaughn Glover went to Los Angeles after graduation and got a job reviewing and selecting films for the Pan-African Film and Arts Festival. He is on his way to Brazil to consult for various festivals there.

Jesse Costello-Good is a software developer for SparkNotes in Chelsea and lives in the West Village. Jesse is "possibly gearing up for a move abroad, don't ask me where, but I'm being held in NYC for now by the love of my life." Jesse visited Cuba in the spring and reports that "you're really better off vacationing in Mexico." **Billy Kingsland** will attend University College in London for an M.A. in English Literature this fall. His flatmate, **Sarah Rosenbaum,** will attend Harvard to pursue a Ph.D. in art history.

Since returning from Scandiano, Italy, last summer, **Max Dickstein** has returned home to Sacramento and found work as a waiter and freelance writer/editor in "various circumstances," one of which is a correspondent for *Slam*, a New York-based basketball magazine. "That means I get to fulfill a dream by going to all the games with a press pass and chill with players and coaches. Then I write down what they tell me, put it in a punchy note form, and send it off to be posted online (www.slamonline.com/links). It's a very good time, and I don't think I could have made this year back home worth the while without that job." Max intends to return to New York by September, if not earlier. He's not sure what he'll be doing once he gets here, but his options might include acting, waitering, freelancing or working in publishing. Max's girlfriend, **Alexandra Alter,** is studying languages and writing for an English newspaper in Katmandu, Nepal. She intends to enroll in grad school in New York this fall.

Seth Kotch, girlfriend **Anne Olivar**, **Luc Greicius** and **Jon Fox** have moved to the Bay Area. **Chris Brady** lives with **Andrea Villanti** in New York. Chris works in a dermatology lab at Mount Sinai hospital and attends frequent improv classes at Upright Citizens Brigade theater downtown. **Tom Hughes** teaches English and social studies to 7th graders in the Oakland, Calif., school district. He plans to continue teaching next year and enjoys living in the Bay Area. It was great to see him in N.Y. during his recent visit.

Alisa Amarosa works at Deutsche Bank in the Private Equity Group. "Even though I was born and raised in Manhattan, I decided I that wanted to remain here after graduation to begin my career in investment banking. I am a member of the Columbia Club, where I run into our classmates constantly. I stay in touch with the Columbia community through alumni interviewing for undergraduate admissions. When I am not at work, I commute to Washington, D.C., to see my boyfriend, **Alastair Wood**, who attends law school at George Washington University."

Laurance Guido '00 is in Paris studying at the Cordon Bleu. **Aaron Cohen** attends graduate school for real estate development at the University of Pennsylvania. **Allison Abell** lives in Manhattan and works at Bloomberg. **Donnie Opici** travels and plays tennis, but rather than being a Lion, he plays professionally. **Tom Nelson** moved to Las Vegas and works for Whiting Turner as a project manager for the construction of a new-age mall. **Rachel Miller** attends law school in Chicago at Northwestern.

Christine Miola and **Elinor Adams** entered the religious life and are completing their novitiate year in a convent outside D.C., the Institute of the Incarnate Word. The ceremony of Investiture (taking of the habit) took place on October 21 amid many friends and family. Among the guests were **Douglas Dunlap**, **Elisa Melendez**, **Elaine Shen** and **Laura Lattman**, while Father Thomas Valenti, campus minister and football chaplain, co-celebrated the Mass. Christine and Elinor received their religious names: Sister Maria del Fiat (for Chrissy) and Sister Maria Theotokos (for Elinor).

That's it for now — keep in touch.

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Can you believe it? We're now officially Columbia College alumni. Isn't that scary? I hope that you had a wonderful senior week filled with plenty of partying and friends, followed by a memorable, family-filled graduation. Please, please send me your updates so that I can share them with our class. The best way to reach me is via e-mail: ikg3@columbia.edu. That said, let's get to our updates.

Our ever-crazy senior class president, **Mike Mellia**, "will be eating beans out of a can as a starving jazz musician."

It looks as if we have some budding lawyers in our class. **Jason Ross** will be a litigation legal assistant for Cravath, Swaine & Moore in NYC and will live with his buddies **Alex Perez**, **Spencer Schulz**, **Edwin Kim** and **Andy Boli**. **David Chubak** plans to "continue my efforts to conquer the world … by studying law and politics in a reputable American institution of law." **Kyla Pavlina** will attend law school in the fall at Cleveland State after traveling around Europe this summer. Staying in New York to attend law school is **Hissan Bajwa**, who plans to attend NYU.

Joe Case plans to play basketball in Europe next year before attending film school. **Chad Bonner** will spend the summer on a grand tour of Europe with **Nathan Kielbasa**, **Max Saffian** and **Rob Hoffman**. After a tour of Italy, France, Spain, Switzerland and Germany, Chad probably will head off to West Africa as a Peace Corps volunteer doing public health work there, mainly HIV/AIDS education. **Charles Donohoe** will spend the summer studying Mandarin at UC Berkeley's program in Beijing before relocating to Shanghai in the fall. He encourages fellow CC'02 alumni to contact him if they're passing through China.

We also have some people pursuing master's degrees. Liz Viriya '02E will continue her studies of biomedical engineering at Columbia. **Sarah Palestrant** will travel in China this summer, potentially meeting up with Charles Donohoe, before completing her M.Phil. from Cambridge in the history and philosophy of science. Sarah plans to attend med school. **Yaacob Dweck** also will be at Cambridge, pursuing an M.Phil. in Jewish history. **Yael Sadan** will work at a summer day camp while taking a year off before applying to med schools.

Other future doctors are **Andrew Greene**, who will attend med school at P&S in the fall. He plans an American road trip this summer. **Tiffany Rounsville** will study for the MCAT this summer and apply to med schools in the fall. **Janna Kohout** will study for the DAT this summer before pursuing her love of teeth in dental school.

We have some young economists in our class. **Scott Imberman** will pursue a Ph.D. in economics at the University of Maryland while **Ting (Will) Wu** gets his at Columbia. **Matt Kondratowicz** will work at the New York Federal Reserve Bank and then hopes to one day attend graduate school in my home state, California.

Evan Zeisel is one of our actors who plans to "bum around New York City trying the route of the impoverished, but well-educated, young actor. So, mostly taking classes and auditioning up the wazoo." **Lara Stoby-Joffre** also will be in NYC while auditioning for drama schools in London.

Charlie Katz-Leavy will live in NYC and work for Jim Grant of Grant's Investor, Inc., dividing time between *Grant's Interest Rate Observer* and Grant's project on John Adams. **Michelle Bertagna** will travel in Europe with Charlie for the summer before starting work at Beecher Investors in NYC as a marketing analyst. Also working in finance is **Sonia Dandona**, an analyst at Morgan Stanley.

James Cain will be going home to Bethesda, Md., to work and travel for the summer before returning to New York for good in the fall. Also heading to the D.C. area is **Ariel Meyerstein**, who will spend the summer working at the Crimes of War Project, a human rights organization based in Washington, D.C. He hopes to go to law school or live in Paris.

Trushna Jhaveri "has no idea what she's doing and will probably use her Ivy League education flipping burgers, just to stay in NYC."

And lastly, **Munira Shamim** will be getting married this summer. We wish her all the happiness in the world. She will pursue her masters in international affairs at SIPA with me in the fall.

I wish you a fabulous summer, and please stay in touch, Columbia College alumni!

Letters

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excuses no longer apply. The prospects for next year's football team are equally bleak. What other Ivy would suffer this?

It is hoped that our new president will be committed to athletic success. To demonstrate this, he needs to quickly move and make sweeping changes in the coaching and athletic administration ranks. Unless he does so, nothing will change. We will continue to endure annual football humiliations (please recall last season's debacles at the hands of Harvard, Princeton, Penn and Fordham). In addition, many of our key Ivy basketball matches at home will continue to feel like away games (Princeton and Penn fans routinely outnumber Lion fans at Levien).

Athletic excellence will make for a more enjoyable undergraduate experience and generate a more generous and engaged alumni base. This also will undoubtedly improve Columbia's standing in the annual college beauty contests that are so important to the administration.

No other Ivy school fears athletic excellence. Why do we? Let's risk the dangers of fielding winning athletic teams. We can win without compromising our well-deserved reputation for academic excellence. And it would be fun, too!

Peter N. Stevens '70 '73L
NEW YORK

I find Director of Athletics Reeves' defense of men's basketball coach Hill (May 2002) rather disconcerting. Reeves cites the team's improvement over seven-year intervals; is improving from a .308 winning percentage to .376 really something to be proud of over such a long span? Over one year, perhaps, but seven? It's still a crummy record, and we could hardly have become any worse than we were before. Reeves cites the improvement of RPI from 298 to 214; sports fans know that one of the bases for the RPI is the quality of the team's opponents. In other words, we're being beaten by lousy teams now, instead of *really* lousy teams.

If the director of athletics believes that losing 62 percent of your games is acceptable, perhaps it is not just the coach who needs to be replaced.

David Yuro '80
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.

We agree with Richard Kuhn's letter (May 2002) questioning the continued tenure of Armond Hill as basketball coach. Whether or not one thinks that intercollegiate athletics are important, the University's teams, particularly football and basketball, are part of the public face of the University, and the image of Columbia in this regard has not been an attractive one. Our basketball team has had nine straight losing seasons and our football team has had only three winning seasons in the last 30 years — 1971, 1994 and 1996. The last (and only) Ivy League title for our football team was in 1961 (shared) and our last basketball championship was in 1968. In the environment of Ivy League athletics, one should expect to see a competitive balance, with the records of all eight schools being fairly even over the long haul. But instead, Columbia has been the doormat of the Ivy League for decades, and there is no reason to believe that any change is in store. This was not always the case. Fifty years ago, the Columbia football team had a cumulative record above .500, and through 1968 Columbia had won or shared 15 Ivy League basketball championships while Penn had won 15 and Princeton 17. (League records are kept from 1902 even though the official beginning was 1956.)

Though some might wonder about the degree of interest among students and alumni for our athletic programs, we believe that support would be evident if our teams were winning on a regular basis. Constant losing is not fun! Stanford and Duke have sacrificed none of their academic luster because of their achievements on the playing fields. Their accomplishments have fostered pride in their students and alumni. However, our goal should not be to produce national champions, but to do well amongst our peers in the Ivy League. If we are going to field athletic teams, why can't we be competitive in the major sports? Why aren't Columbia's coaches held accountable when they consistently have losing records?

A major part of a coach's duties is to teach his or her charges how to play well as individuals and function well together as a team. Recruiting talented players that he or she can meld into a team also is important and having a hot product to sell to high school players can help considerably with recruiting. (Over the last five years, Columbia has been an extremely hot school, so it should not have been difficult to recruit premium players.) Backing from the University administration, the athletic office and alumni also is helpful in recruiting, but the main impetus must come from the coach and his or her staff. If a coach is successful as a teacher and recruiter, this translates into his or her team having a winning record, so it is easy to tell who is successful and who has failed.

In reaffirming his support for coach Hill, Reeves stated that in the seven years prior to Hill's hiring as coach, Columbia's basketball record was 56–126, and in the seven years under coach Hill the record "improved" to 70–116. To think that our athletic director expressed satisfaction with seven additional years of losing because the winning percentage was slightly better than in previous years is astounding. Is there another major university in the country that would have accepted and praised this type of performance?

We hold our faculty to high standards and demand their success in the classroom and in their individual disciplines, always in the pursuit of excellence. Shouldn't we expect the same from our coaches and the athletic department who represent Columbia in the public arena? If we're going to do something, shouldn't it be done well?

Robert A. Levine '58
Peter F. Cohn '58
WESTPORT, CONN.

Alumni Corner

New Leadership for College Alumni

The Columbia College Board of Visitors and Alumni Association have elected certain new members to their respective boards, which are listed below. Charles J. O'Byrne '81 is the new president of the Alumni Association, having succeeded Jerry Sherwin '55, whose two-year term ended in June. Richard Witten '75 continues as chair of the Board of Visitors. The Alumni Association is publishing a proxy, as well, for all alumni (as all are members of the Alumni Association, by definition). If you wish, please complete and return it to the Columbia College Alumni Office, 475 Riverside Drive, Suite 917, New York, NY 10115 (Attn.: Derek Wittner).

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